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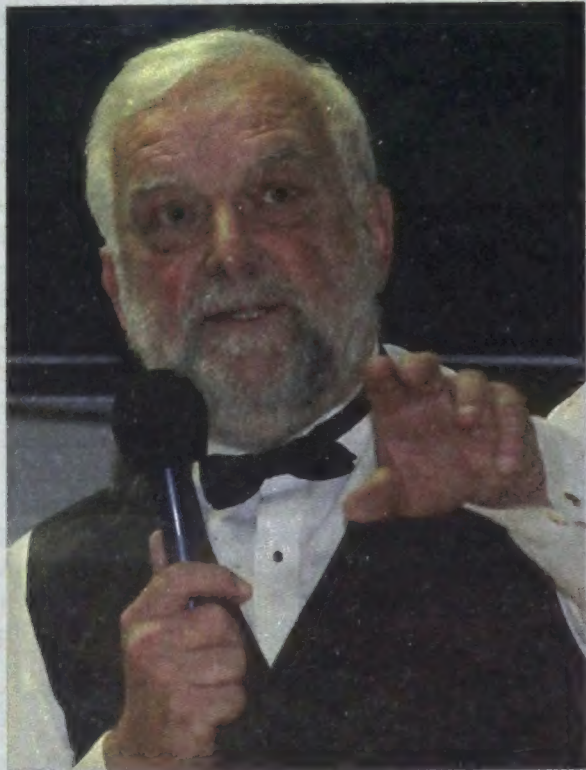
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Jack Brezina Appointed County Voice Publisher



By Stephen Patrick, Editor

The Board of the County Voice G.I.F.T. announced yesterday the appointment of Jack Brezina as Publisher of the County Voice and the Highlands Communicator, to be effective Friday, August 6th. Brett and Joanne Irvine, the founders of the Communicator and the Voice, were the first to comment: "We're absolutely thrilled that Jack will be the Publisher: he's a newspaper man through and through, an outstanding community member, and someone we've admired and looked up to for as long as we've been in the business."

For his part Brezina said, "I was intrigued and excited by the changes announced last month in the ownership of the two papers. I've always been impressed with the papers the Irvines have published over the years, which have had such strong editorial content: they've served their community well. And now with the new G.I.F.T. structure, the papers will truly be a community enterprise."

Brezina also said how excited he was to get back into the newspaper business, "It really does get in your blood, and I'm delighted to be a part of it once again."

Jack started his career in the 1970s as a radio announcer and newscaster, and then accompanied his wife Pat to her native Cochrane where she began her career as an elementary school teacher. "Soon, the Northland Post in Cochrane hired me as editor/reporter/photographer/driver, etc. In those days, you really did it all."

In 1979 Jack acquired the Minden Times, formerly the Minden Progress, which had recently been bought by a group of local businessmen. Jack and Pat moved happily to Minden where Pat continued her teaching career, and where the couple's two children, Carrie, 34, and Kevin, 31, were born.

"In the beginning there were some tough times on the paper, certainly. The recession hit, and we were really a very small paper for quite a while. But gradually, with dogged and honest reporting, community involvement, and a better business climate, we managed to build it up and to make it a success. We even got to hire a few reporters, even editors as the years went on."

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County Council: Thumbs Down for Enduro Bikes

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Another tie vote by County Council has resulted in a defeated motion and the sound of a death knell for Enduro bikes on Haliburton County's Rail Trail, at least for now. County Council's failure to agree on the use of the Rail Trail or on proceeding with a review of the Rail Trail Master Plan has resulted in a small but no less satisfying victory for the 'quiet majority.'

CAO Jim Wilson advised Council that because no agreement could be reached at the special meeting of July 7th a resolution passed by County Council in April of 2009 remained in effect directing staff to bring forward amendments to the by-law that regulates the use of the Rail Trail, allowing Enduro bikes on the trail for a trial period.

Wilson advised that, if the resolution was voted down again, he had submitted a recommendation that the Council direct staff not to take any further action, thus shelving the need for any further action.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey stood and pointed out that he had been ridiculed for asking for a weighted vote on the matter during the July 7th meeting. (Despite the fact that the County's Procedural By-law allows Fearrey a total of three votes and Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon an additional vote when it comes to matters of capital costs, the budget,

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Chakraborty Reveals Life Secrets

R.D. Lawrence Place was the spot to be if you wanted to learn about life, food and Henna on July 21st. Sneha Chakraborty, the author of 14 books, shared a number of tips and little-known facts with the guests, while her granddaughters Saakshi and Divya created beautiful Henna art on listeners.

Sneha completed training in Dublin, Ireland, and became a certified doctor before returning to her homeland of Tanzania. She was eventually an emergency room doctor in Niagara Falls for 20 years, then later in Minden, Haliburton and Lindsay. Sneha also taught at McMaster University in Hamilton and is now retired and resides in Minden. At one point, Sneha became very ill, which is when she wrote the two books that were the focus of the talk. "I hit stormy weather with my health," explained Sneha, "I didn't think I was going to make it."

"Writing is my passion," insisted Sneha. Then, discussing her 13th book which is currently in the editing stage, Sneha joked, "Usually at the end of writing a book, you're fed up with it and you don't want to critique it yourself. My editor is a great help." Her books LifeStyle and Ayurvedic Fusion Cooking were the main focus of the book talk, which was put on by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"Ayurveda" is an Indian philosophy which aims to prolong life and offer an alternative from traditional medicine, or as a complement to modern medicine. Ayurvedic Fusion Cooking is a collection of "everything I have learned about cooking. You don't eat until you're full," said Sneha, "you fill one third of your stomach's capacity with food, and wait until you feel thirst - about an hour after you're done eating. Then you fill the second third with water, and leave the last third empty."

Sneha is an expert in Ayurvedic Fusion Cooking and explained that "there are some foods you just can't eat. Instead of taking medication to allow you to eat foods that don't agree with you, just avoid those foods." She further explained that people's tolerance for food is broken down into sections: "There are three types of people: fire people, water people and air people. You are likely a mixture of them, and it has nothing to do with your metabolism, it's in your physique."

Her book LifeStyle focuses on how people should be living. Sneha is a strong believer in the power of meditation. "We all know instinctively that we need to delve into ourselves, which is why we retire. Nature has been telling me to 'shut up and just listen.'"

Sneha added some humour to the talk as she presented a self-designed guideline used for raising children; she broke down instructions by ages. "Zero to five years: if your child wants to go to the moon, at least take them to the nearest planet. Five to 15: parents should become Mr. and Mrs. Hitler. 15 to 25: University time, focus on education."

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acquisition of property and contractual agreements, given the extent of assessment in the two municipalities.)

Fearrey said that he had subsequently requested a legal opinion on the matter from Russell Christie who agreed that a weighted vote was in order given the need to execute a contractual agreement.

Fearrey reminded the Council that contributions from Dysart et al and Minden Hills represented approximately 60 cents on the dollar of all taxes collected by the County. He also commented that a weighted vote had rarely been used and never misused. "We work as a team, but when something impacts so negatively on our citizens I felt I had to seek an opinion and officially request a weighted vote on the matter."

Fearrey also stated that his decision had nothing to do with personalities and that despite any public comments to the contrary Ken Hoeverman had been doing what his job with the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders required of him and had done it well.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison vehemently disagreed with Fearrey, saying that was not how County Council was supposed to work and that from here on in things would not be the same.

"If I understand you then any contractual agreement will become a weighted vote and Dysart and Minden Hills will pretty much run things. We'll know how the vote will go before it is taken. Although I'm not running in the next election, I would like to see something resolved on this before I leave."

Fearrey assured Harrison that having a weighted vote on the issue of the Rail Trail would not change how the Council does business. Fearrey also commented that in the past weighted votes had been a regular event. "I have never raised it as an issue before and I'm not likely to raise it again, but it is used widely across Ontario, mostly complaint driven. I'm only trying to seek an overall review of the Rail Trail agreement."

When Harrison inquired why Fearrey was starting to ask for the weighted vote that particular day, he responded that it was due to the fact that not only had he been told the weighted vote did not apply, he felt minds had been made up in advance of the July 7th meeting.

This started a litany of comments from the Council members who had voted against Fearrey. Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that weighted votes were unfair on the smaller municipalities.

"We should have reviewed the Rail Trail agreement two years ago. We made up our minds how important the trail is and now I hope that the Council will put some money into it."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said that the weighted vote left a bad taste in his mouth and suggested that the County Council request its own legal opinion. Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie insisted that his vote had been based on the mixed use of the IB&O Trail which had been successful and caused little to no conflict. He questioned Fearrey's comment about collaboration on the vote.

Responding to Fearrey's comments that suggested collaboration, Harrison also said, "I take offence to that. I did not collaborate or talk to anyone about how I would vote."

Fearrey said, "This is being blown out of proportion," but Harrison responded that if, in fact the lawyer recommended a weighted vote, then Minden Hills and Haliburton would be running the Rail Trail. "We might as well sell it to them as the rest of County Council will have little to say."

Murdoch, making one last comment, said, "This one situation has definitely put us in conflict. Let's leave it here on the table but agree to look at the plan. If it is to be a multi use trail, let's put some money into it, warden it and sort out any problems. I will be very disappointed not to see a new Council does that."

Finally, the vote was called on the motion to amend the by-law regulating the use of the Rail Trail, but it failed once again because of another tied vote. Immediately after the vote, a different resolution was brought forward recommending that staff take no further action until directed by Council.

That motion was carried which puts the matter of either Enduro bikes or any review of the Rail Trail aside, likely until a new Council is elected. And a small collective sigh of relief can be heard by proponents of a quieter, less rpm driven form of trail enjoyment. ■

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Chakraburtt

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For those over 45, Sneh says that they should now commit to community service, learning about nature, and finding true knowledge. "This is the time to find the silence within." Self-knowledge is another of the focuses of LifeStyle, as Sneh said "You have to understand who you are. You have to give. You have to not be in want."

The proceeds from the sales of Sneh's books are given to a charity called the Chinmaya Organisation For Rural Development. This charity is described as one which does work in Northern India to end extreme poverty, gender discrimination and to improve literacy. Sneh is adamant that contributing to charitable organizations is an important aspect of a healthy lifestyle.

Divya, Sneh's granddaughter, explained that, "Henna is made by crushing dried leaves, adding water, lemon, sugar and salt, or just grinding fresh leaves into a paste." Saakshi told the group, "Growing up in Canada, we thought it was very important to learn our own culture from where our parents and grandparents came from." The sisters travelled to India to visit their paternal



grandparents, which is where they learned how to create Henna art. Stressing her views on the subject, Sneh added, "They are not being encouraged just to do things that their ancestors did, but also what Canadian youth do. They need to know both sides; it will enrich them."

The idea of Henna is one of beauty. The most common designs of Henna art are floral patterns, which has a great significance. Certain designs and patterns are what make Henna unique. The art is often used to decorate a woman's hands and feet before she gets married, with the message, "May your life be more flowery and give you even more than what is in your destiny."

Sneh is a wonderfully talented author, which is made clear by the number of books she has published. Using the knowledge accumulated over a lifetime of compassion and hard work, Sneh's books reveal some of the tested and true methods of maintaining health of the mind, body and soul. □

By Courtney Griffin

THURSDAY



Chance of scattered thunderstorms

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

FRIDAY



Cooler with a few PM showers

▲ 22° ▼ 13°

SATURDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and mild

▲ 24° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY



Slight chance of thunderstorms late

▲ 26° ▼ 16°

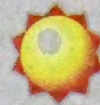
MONDAY



AM t-storms, then partly cloudy

▲ 25° ▼ 14°

TUESDAY



Mostly sunny and cooler

▲ 22° ▼ 12°

WEDNESDAY



Partly cloudy and milder

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

AROUND THE REGION: Widely scattered thunderstorms will be possible today. Highs will be near 26. Dry conditions will be experienced tonight with a low near 14. Some morning sun tomorrow may give way to a few scattered showers in the afternoon. Highs near 22. Saturday and much of Sunday looks great. Highs in the mid-20s.

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City	Today HI/Lo/Otik	Friday HI/Lo/Otik	Saturday HI/Lo/Otik	City	Today HI/Lo/Otik	Friday HI/Lo/Otik	Saturday HI/Lo/Otik
Acapulco	35/24/ts	34/23/sh	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	32/26/pc	31/25/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	30/26/ts	31/25/sh	31/26/su	Nassau	35/27/sh	34/26/sh	33/28/sh
Barbados	31/25/ts	31/26/sh	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	36/21/pc	34/21/ts	33/22/cl
Bermuda	29/26/ts	28/26/ts	29/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	32/25/ts	32/24/ts	32/24/ts
Cancun	32/24/sh	32/25/pc	32/24/ts	St Thomas	32/27/ts	31/27/ra	33/27/ra
Curacao	31/26/sh	31/28/ts	30/28/ts	St Maarten	30/26/ts	31/27/ra	32/26/sh
Freeport	32/26/ts	32/25/ts	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	26/18/ts	26/18/ts	27/19/ra
Georgetown	33/24/sh	31/23/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	29/21/ra	29/21/ts	30/26/ra
Havana	33/22/pc	34/24/sh	34/24/su	San Salvador	29/20/ts	32/21/ts	32/22/su
Key West	32/27/ts	32/28/ts	32/28/pc	Santo Domingo	32/24/ts	33/25/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	33/24/ts	33/25/ts	33/32/su	Trinidad	30/26/ts	31/25/ts	30/26/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otik	Friday HI/Lo/Otik	Saturday HI/Lo/Otik	Sunday HI/Lo/Otik	Monday HI/Lo/Otik	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otik	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otik
Bancroft	26/14/ts	22/13/sh	24/14/pc	26/16/pc	25/14/ts	22/12/su	26/14/pc
Barrie	26/14/ts	23/13/sh	25/14/pc	26/16/ts	26/14/ts	22/12/su	26/14/pc
Dorset	26/14/ts	22/13/sh	24/14/pc	26/15/ts	25/14/ts	22/11/su	26/14/pc
Haliburton	26/14/ts	22/13/sh	24/14/pc	26/16/ts	25/14/ts	22/12/su	26/14/pc
Huntsville	26/14/ts	22/13/sh	24/14/pc	26/15/ts	25/14/ts	22/11/su	26/14/pc
Kingston	27/16/ts	23/14/sh	25/15/pc	27/16/pc	27/16/ts	23/13/su	27/16/su
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Minden	26/14/ts	22/13/sh	24/14/pc	26/16/ts	25/14/ts	22/12/su	26/14/pc
Oshawa	27/16/ts	24/15/sh	26/16/pc	27/17/ts	27/16/ts	24/13/su	27/16/pc
Ottawa	27/17/ts	22/14/sh	25/14/pc	25/14/pc	25/14/ts	23/12/su	25/13/su
Toronto	27/16/ts	24/15/sh	26/16/pc	28/17/ts	27/16/ts	24/13/su	27/16/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otik	Friday HI/Lo/Otik	Saturday HI/Lo/Otik	Sunday HI/Lo/Otik	Monday HI/Lo/Otik	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otik	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otik
Calgary	22/14/su	26/12/su	22/18/pc	27/18/pc	28/19/ts	27/18/ts	28/19/pc
Edmonton	26/16/su	29/15/su	21/8/sh	22/9/ts	22/9/ts	20/8/ts	19/7/ts
Fredericton	28/20/ts	23/15/sh	24/12/pc	25/13/pc	24/12/sh	22/9/pc	23/11/su
Halifax	25/16/ts	24/16/sh	19/13/pc	20/13/pc	19/12/sh	18/12/pc	20/13/pc
Montreal	27/18/ts	23/15/sh	24/14/pc	25/14/pc	24/14/pc	22/12/su	24/13/su
Regina	25/13/pc	28/15/su	29/18/ts	29/18/pc	28/18/ts	29/18/pc	28/18/ts
St. John's	19/16/sh	20/16/cl	18/9/sh	18/9/pc	18/10/sh	17/8/sh	17/7/pc
Saskatoon	26/15/pc	27/14/su	24/12/ts	26/13/ts	24/12/ts	24/12/ts	23/10/ts
Vancouver	23/16/sh	22/16/cl	23/15/cl	21/14/sh	22/15/sh	24/14/pc	23/14/pc
Whitehorse	25/13/pc	23/10/sh	19/8/sh	19/7/ts	19/8/sh	19/7/sh	17/6/sh
Winnipeg	22/11/pc	25/15/su	27/15/pc	27/15/ts	27/14/pc	26/15/ts	28/17/ts

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Friday 7/30	20°C	12°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 7/29	21°C	14°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 7/28	24°C	17°C	0.8 mm
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Sun.	6:07 a.m./8:31 p.m.	4:06 a.m./7:30 p.m.
Mon.	6:09 a.m./8:30 p.m.	5:27 a.m./8:03 p.m.
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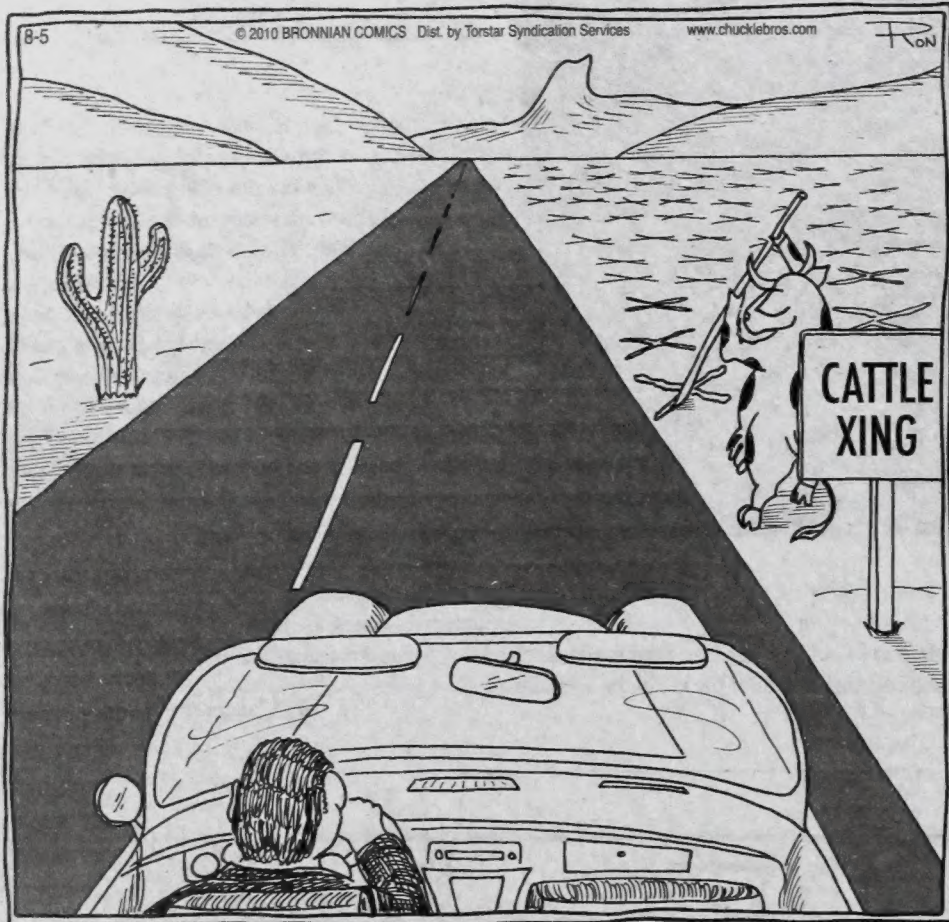
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

***"In fact, ... this is one issue
where right and left can join forces."***

I call the Minden post office "Mecca", because if you wait long enough, sooner or later you'll meet everybody there who lives in town. Walking down from the bank towards the post office, I could see John from a distance on account of his splashy shirt and signature peak hat.

We banter a lot, so I right away accused him of looking like a stranded snowbird, and he in turn upbraided me for not sporting a green party button. Since John doesn't have wheels, I asked him if he wanted a lift somewhere. Turned out, he needed a washer for his garden hose.

While driving to Home Hardware, our conversation turned to the G20 police riot in Toronto. A paralegal by profession, John said that he was offering his services pro bono to those who had been arrested on summary charges.

This surprised me, for John has a fearsome reputation as a right-wing extremist with monarchical yearnings. But he was quite serious. What the authorities had done in violation of our basic human rights smacked of police state tactics. They needed to be resisted by patriotic Canadians, one and all.

"In fact," John said, "this is one issue where right and left can join forces."

His point was well taken. So I offered to drive John to Toronto for his day in court.

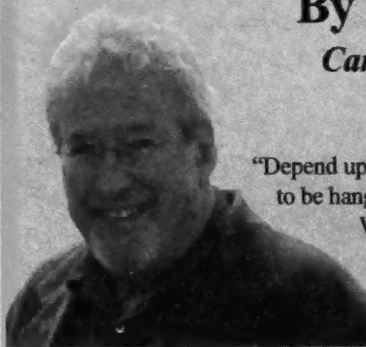
Right on, John!

Douglas Smith,
Haliburton.

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

***Canada's Conrad: No Damn Yankee
(or Lordy Lord) After All***



"Depend upon it Sir," said Samuel Johnson, "when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully."

Well, Lord Black of Crossharbour didn't exactly face the noose when he became a guest of the American government over two years ago. But when you imagine what it must have been like for this latter-day William Randolph Hearst or Henry Luce, in his 60s, to shed his Guccis, his Chardonnay, and his four or five mansions, put on the

used orange overalls and enter a Florida prison to live in intensely close quarters with drug dealers, thieves, murderers, and Mafiosi for what at one point looked to be a six-year stretch — well, you could have imagined that the rope might have seemed to be a kinder option.

Canada's Conrad Black has always been a polarizing figure in his native land. His combination of overweening, preening pomposity (not to mention what often seemed a thinly concealed contempt for the lower orders) and his insatiable desire to become an English Lord never sat well with our traditional Canadian scepticism towards those who would put on the airs of our former colonial masters. Then Prime Minister Jean Chretien read that mood perfectly when he wouldn't allow Black to keep his Canadian citizenship and become an English Lord. No votes lost there, for sure.

Black, however, did create the National Post, one of the boldest and best publishing experiments in Canadian history. While he was publisher, the Post was the most exciting daily in North America for its writing styles, design, and sheer political audacity. It might have driven liberals and the hard left crazy, but they sure admired it. Its Ottawa coverage was dynamic, irreverent, provocative, and utterly unlike anything the Hill had seen before.

The story of Black's downfall and imprisonment is well known. But his re-incarnation as a compassionate and incisive newspaper columnist has been astonishing. His Post Editor, Jonathan Kay, has written that "It is ironic that the most intellectually vivid period of Conrad Black's life (as I perceive it) should unfold when he was behind bars." While in prison Black asked, and was permitted, to conduct a literacy class for a group of inmates: Caucasians, Latinos, African-Americans, Aborigines who could barely read and write. Black relished in the task and was all accounts extremely successful. When he was leaving, Black writes, "Many of the 150 students that my very able fellow tutors and I had helped to graduate from high school came by, some of them now enrolled in university by cyber-correspondence."

Black also developed a deep contempt for the American justice system, not just as it applies to white collar crime, but particularly how deeply racist, stupid, and hopeless the "War on Drugs" truly is, with its, "absurd sentences, including 20 years for marihuana offences, although 42 percent of Americans has used marihuana ... a trillion dollars spent, a million easily replaceable small fry in prison..."

"I have seen at close range the injustice of sentences 100 times more severe for crack cocaine than for powder cocaine, a straight act of discrimination against African-Americans."

And Black has also turned his anger towards his own country's federal government, slashing at the Conservatives of Stephen Harper for their dislike of prison rehabilitation, their knee-jerk support for tougher sentencing, for putting more and more people behind bars, and inevitably strengthening the "prison industry, which seeks more prisoners, longer sentences, and maximal possibilities of probation violations and a swift return to custody."

Black has said, in arguing against those who have accused him of a political and moral turnaround, that he was never as ideologically as conservative as was often perceived to be: and that his extraordinary experience with what are perceived to be the dregs of the earth has deeply enriched him, and his view of his fellow man. Conrad Black a leader for compassionate justice and prison reform? Well, it simply goes to show the ability to change that can reside in almost all human beings. And that human kindness and intellectual openness are among the highest qualities we can possess. ■

CORRECTION

In the July 22nd issue of the Voice we reported that the South Lake Cottagers Association donated \$250 to the "Community Care Access Centre." In fact the donation was made to Community Care Haliburton County.



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Dear Editor:

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"The Mystery Continues"

The Eastern wolf was designated as a species of special concern under the Federal and Ontario Governments Species at Risk Acts in 2001. Ontario has 190 species at risk. The coyote, *Canis latrans*, is not at risk.

On March 31st, 2010, Ministry of Natural Resources' research scientist Brent Patterson gave a presentation on the Eastern wolf (and coyotes). Some of the information given included:

- Wolves in Algonquin Park are, in general, not inter-breeding with coyotes.
- The buffer zone around Algonquin Park is a great success. Interestingly, mortality rates are down, but Algonquin Park populations are stable, so there is likely a fair amount of dispersal going on.
- Since July 10, 2005, it has been mandatory to report all wolves killed regardless of the method and reason. Every hunter who wants to shoot wolves must purchase a special wolf seal.

I find it very curious, and mysterious, that the "Wolf Slaughter" has now been designated an "Eastern Coyote Slaughter" by the Ministry of Natural Resources, according to the press release dated July 22, 2010. How convenient, and how lucky for R. Shayne McKelvey that he slaughtered eight coyotes and not eight Eastern wolves, who just happen to be a "species of concern" under the Federal and Ontario Governments Species at Risk Acts. I also wonder why the court date of July 15, 2010 was not made public. ALL the natural resources of Ontario are a concern to the public at large.

I also find it interesting that the \$1000. plea agreement was given to an organization like the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association., instead of a organization like "The Haliburton Land Trust Species at Risk Project", "Canadian Wolf Coalition", "Eastern Wolf Campaign", "Earthroots Wilderness Defenders", or "Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society", "Green Wolf of Canada", or "Canadian Wolf Defenders".

I hope the MNR will make public the data on these eight animals: DNA, weight, height, length, fur condition, age, sex, parasites, and how each animal was killed (bullet, snare, trap, poison, chase exhaustion from ATV). It is important for the public to understand how and why the MNR came to the conclusions that were in the press release. The mystery continues!

Sharon Lawrence
Minden ■



Jack Brezina ... from page 1

Finally, in 2001, Jack sold the paper to the Haliburton Echo and segued effortlessly into another phase of his career, as a committed and effective community activist, volunteer, and all round cultural guru. Over the years Jack's been a founding member of the Minden Sled Dog Derby organizing committee, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Steering Committee for Health care (which recommended the amalgamation of the Minden and Haliburton Hospitals, and Long Term Care homes under the HHHS), and Chair of the HHHS.

Brezina's also a founding member of the Highlands Summer Festival and current chair of the Board (he's also a self-described wannabee actor as well as manager of promotions and marketing.) He hosts ARTSWEEK on Canoe FM, in on the Board of U-Links, Arts Alive Minden, and is a member of the Conjurors of County Town.

He's also the guy who tries to wear shorts as long as possible into the winter and as early as possible in the spring.

Brett Irvine remarked that these changes in the Voice ownership and management had a nice kind of circular aspect to them: "Joanne and I started the Communicator a few months after Jack sold the Times to the Echo. And now, almost nine years later, we're leaving the business and Jack's coming back in. Which is all kind of cool." ■

County Council Summary

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

County Agrees to Participate in International Centre of Excellence for Water Quality

City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric Magee met with the Haliburton County Council late in July to discuss the possibility of the County participating in a regional approach to establish an International Centre of Excellence for Water Quality. While somewhat cautious about making a commitment that could lead to a real cost in the future, the County has agreed to become involved in the initiative and has appointed Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey as Haliburton's representative.

Magee said that a few months ago he had met with a number of area MPs and MPPs, along with the Deputy Warden of Peterborough County to discuss establishing the centre with a focus on water quality and the handling of waste water. According to Magee a regional approach that includes Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County, must be taken given the number of rivers and lakes that cross the boundaries of the three counties. In addition the region is the home to an internationally renowned college and university with specialties in water quality innovation and research and many community organizations within the region have embraced the topic as a priority.

Magee also pointed out that a considerable number of community organizations had embraced the issue of water quality as a priority.

"There are limitless possibilities," he said.

Lance Sherk, Manager of Economic Development for the City of Kawartha Lakes told the Council that much of the area's economy was based on surface waters. He spoke of the tremendous asset that the area had in Dr. Brent Wooten and Fleming College and suggested that having the college located in all three communities gave added incentive for them to become involved. He also suggested that there would be increased opportunities for funding from the federal and provincial governments with a regional approach.

Sherk said, "Economically, this sets our region apart from others and provides for a strong regionally focused economic development path. In addition, the province has legislated requirements that add impetus to this initiative, making it a win/win situation."

Magee advised the Council that his goal was not to get any real commitment from the County or financing, but simply to designate an individual to meet with the caucus in Peterborough and represent the Council as they worked through the process of how to establish the centre.

"When the time is right, if you are able to make a commitment, we won't be looking for money, but rather, we would be seeking your support to be able to access higher levels of funding."

Fearrey commented that much of what Magee was presenting was 'motherhood stuff,' and very hard not to support. However, he referred to a letter sent to the Premier about the initiative that included Haliburton County and he suggested that Magee should have approached the County prior to including them in any way. He also commented that the County was 'rarely led into something like this without the need for money.'

Having said that, Fearrey agreed to represent the County at upcoming meetings held to discuss how to go forward with the initiative.

Bark Lake Development Moves Forward

On July 28th Haliburton County held a public meeting to consider a residential plan of subdivision to redevelop the Bark Lake Leadership Centre in Highlands East. Redevelopment of the centre, being proposed by IBI Group on behalf of Century Lake Developments, would include creating 95 generously proportioned residential lots and a number of common element condominium blocks that will provide communal services and roads.

Bark Lake consists of over 600 acres with access through a right of way that crosses Crown Land surrounding the development. Most of the existing facilities are along the shoreline and there are no other developments on the lake, although there are a few hunt camps in the area.

According to the planner making the presentation to Council there are some wonderful facilities already on site that are part of the leadership centre that include state of the art water and sewage treatment facilities. However, these facilities will require expansion to accommodate the redevelopment. A detailed site planning process will be undertaken along with an environmental assessment that is associated with the expansion of a private water treatment plant.

The planner said that he hadn't been aware of Dr. Wooten's work on waste water management, but it was something that he planned to pursue. He also said that during the process they would be investigating Bark Creek's capacity to accommodate upgraded facilities.

When asked if there were any concerns with the development, Planner Jane Tousaw advised that Gary and Jason Simms had raised concerns that a permanent development may create conflicts with established hunt camps in the area. Tousaw also commented that Highlands East had requested time to look at the responsibility agreement. She also commented that some conditions would be set relating to 911 signage and that the width of the road would have to be considered in order to accommodate school busses.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey questioned whether school busses would use a private road. Tousaw advised that in discussion with the school board she had learned that they would not use private roads. The consultant advised that this was something they would investigate and if necessary a shuttle service would be established.

Fearrey later pointed out that the proposed subdivision incorporated back lot development, something that is not normally allowed. While the development will be unique if approved

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The Northern Pikes Sure to Rock in Head Lake Park

Smile Festival Headliners Eager for Upcoming Gig this Saturday

By Mark Arike

From the late 80's to the early 90's, The Northern Pikes blew up on the music scene with hits like "Teenland" and "She Ain't Pretty". Years prior to that, The Canadian rockers, who met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, kept their noses to the grindstone, never giving up on the music or themselves.

Now, twenty-something years later, most of the original band members are still at it, touring music festivals across Canada to satisfy their hunger for a little good ol' rock n' roll and the stimulating feeling of that comes with entertaining a crowd.

"We're just really pumped about getting out to play," said the band's lead singer Jay Semko in an interview with The Voice. "Every gig we play is super special to us now because we don't play that often. Whenever we do, it's such a rush."

Before forming The Pikes in 1984, most of the band members were strangers to one another and each was doing their own thing musically.

"Bryan [Potvin] had played in a band called Doris Daye and at that time I was in a band with Merle [Bryck] and Don [Schmid] called The Idols," explained Semko. "Bryan and I were sort of the ones who said 'let's start The Northern Pikes'."

The original group consisted of Semko, Bryck, Potvin and Glen Hollingshead, who left the band in 1985. Numerous drummers came and went until June of 1986, when Schmid joined.

When the original members came together they quickly got to work, recording and releasing the independent EPs *The Northern Pikes* (1984) and *Scene in North America* (1985). They got a booking agent and fine-tuned their playing abilities through a rough and rugged tour of the prairie bar circuit.

"It was kind of like the Wild West in some ways," recalled Semko of the three-year stint. "What you would do is play six nights a week and long sets. You would do that from Monday to Saturday and on Sunday you would drive to the next town. It was hard work but it was really good musically. You really tightened up and developed a chemistry as a band."

After grinding it out on tour, releasing demos and getting frequent radio airplay at college campuses in the United States and Canada, the Pikes caught the attention of some major record label heads.

"I never thought that we'd sign a full out record deal. The most I was expecting was that we'd make our indie records good enough that maybe a major label would distribute them for us," said Semko.



Various label representatives went to see the band perform, but in the end the guys signed with Virgin Records Canada. Semko said that the group not only liked the style of the label, but they also connected well with the president at the time, Doug Chappell.

"He [Chappell] became a very good friend and was totally into the band," said Semko.

A couple of weeks later, in January of 1987, the Pikes began recording at Metal Works Studio in Toronto. Soon after, cameras started rolling on numerous music video shoots.

"The label was really into videos and for every single that we released they shot a video," laughed Semko, adding that about 15 music videos in total were shot.

Singles off their records that reached the top five list on Much Music included "Girl With a Problem", "Kiss Me You Fool" and "She Ain't Pretty".

Semko said the band didn't make a big dent in the American market, however they managed to garner somewhat of a cult-like following.

"We did make a dent down there, but obviously we became a lot bigger in Canada," he said.

Touring and putting on shows was one of the areas in which the guys spent most of their time. On one hand, it was a good thing in terms of gaining fans and building one solid, cohesive unit; on another it was a part of the business that led to friction between the bandmates and their first break-up, said Semko.

"We would do long and endless tours," he said, "and to a certain extent it was the thing that broke us up the first time in 1993. You need breaks. We had spent so much time together and we were so overly focused on everything to do with the band. In retrospect, I think it would have been better to take a year off to do something else and get back at it."

On July 2, 1993, the band played their final gig in Fort Frances, Ont. before going on what would be a six-year-long hiatus.

Then in December of 1999, the original members of the Pikes decided to reunite when Virgin Records approached them to do a greatest hits package entitled *Hits and Assorted Secrets*. Since the release of a new album usually means a tour is to follow, the guys hit the road again in early 2000.

"We had so much fun in doing it that we never really stopped," said Semko.

After the tour, the guys went ahead and put together *Truest Inspiration* – their first studio album in eight years. The title track of the production became a hit in Japan, and as a result, the guys embarked on an intensive tour of the land of the rising sun.

But once again with the long tour came the familiar warning signs: playing non-stop would inevitably lead to another breakdown of the group.

"We found a way to make it work for us, which is basically to spread the tours out – make the gigs happen when they're going to happen," said Semko, pointing out that the band members all live in different parts of the country and each has their own area of focus when not performing as part of the Pikes.

In Semko's opinion, the Pikes of today genuinely relish getting together and putting on a live show.

"I honestly think that we play better than we ever have. We've matured as musicians and there's definitely a positive vibe going on [on stage]," he said.

So how was it that the Pikes got their name?

"In 1984 our agent told us that we needed a name in order to get booked," explained Semko, "so we went to a bar one night, had some drinks, threw some ideas around and that was it."

As for their upcoming show in Head Lake Park during this Saturday's Smile Festival, Semko and the rest of The Northern Pikes are just rarin' to rock.

"It should be really cool; we're really looking forward to it," said Semko.

Admission to the event is by donation.

For more information go to www.mckecks.ca or look for the Smile posters around the village.

To read up on the headlining act visit www.thepikes.com. ■

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Miskwabi Area Cottagers hold 36th AGM

The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association was called to order I mid-July by President, Larry Holden at 11:10 AM at the Airstrip by the Jerry Strickland Boat Launch. There were approximately 60 members in attendance.

Larry thanked the members for attending and for filling out the Survey Form that was on the back of this year's Membership Form, explaining that it helps the Directors to plan future endeavors and to assess what has already been done. The audience was also thanked for getting their renewal forms in before the end of April of this year. As well, Tom Pendlebury was thanked for once again he was manning the BBQ for those much sought after burgers at the end of the meeting.

Larry asked the members to start thinking about "those tough questions" to ask the Municipal candidates who were to appear later in the Agenda.

MACA's membership in both the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) and the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association (COHPOA) was mentioned and explained. Both organizations will grow in importance in the future and it was explained that it was nice to belong to both groups right from the beginning.

Mention of the draws for the Nature Clean Basket of goodies and the draw for two tickets to the Highlands Summer Festival was made. All were wished "good luck" but were told that draws would not be made until the end of the meeting ... so that everyone would stick around!

Larry mentioned that there have been some careless activities seen on the lakes in the recent weeks. For example, a Sea-Doo was observed with only the driver pulling three children behind on a tube! The OPP only have two boats for the whole County and it is unlikely that they will be able to respond to such calls by boat but if they are phoned and a 9-1-1 address is given, an Officer will be dispatched to follow up. Everyone was asked to watch out for others on all of our lakes.

Former President and current Past President, Paul Culver, was thanked for his work with MACA and the group was told that Paul is no longer a member as he has moved out of the area.

Sandra Bishop, Vice-President was then introduced and she explained the voting procedures for a logo for MACA T-Shirts which were also on sale at the meeting. Thanks were extended to Karen Harding, Jake Wagenaar, Jeff Holden, Corbin Cloutier, Michelle and John Rogers for submitting designs for the contest; all will receive a free shirt with the new logo on it. Jake will receive a one year free membership to MACA for his individual efforts in submitting the most entries! T-shirt orders were taken at \$10.00 each.

The Treasurer, Norm Fowler, then gave his last "Sermon On The Amount" as he was not running again for the Executive. A bank balance of \$7 439.44 was presented and acceptance was moved by Phil Wiseman, seconded by Karen Harding. Acceptance was carried. Norm and his wife Louise were then thanked for their accounting skills over the last 15 years and were presented with a gift certificate to "Anize" restaurant from the membership and the Executive.

Director Mike Giza reported that all four of the lakes have

been free of invasive species as of last year's water samples. The membership was reminded that invasive species are brought into the area through bait buckets and bilge water and everyone was reminded to dump bilge water away from any runoff to the lakes.

Director Haden Heathcock reported that water quality testing has been good in all four lakes and phosphorous levels have been below the provincial average. Secchi disc readings have been averaging 8.5m of water clarity.

In Andy Mosher's absence, his wife, Susanne James reminded everyone of the website (mymaca.net) and thanked everyone for sending in their pictures of activities and landscape shots to the website.

Director Phil Wiseman complimented Roads Superintendent, Brian Nicholson, on road repairs in the area. A "Road Report" had already been sent in to the Municipality Office. He also thanked all his committee members and invited other volunteers to join.

Director Mo Welch then stated that more members are needed for the 1st Annual Golf Tournament to be held at Haliburton Highlands Golf Course on July 30th. A minimum of 20 golfers is needed. He also reminded members of the Children's Wildlife Presentation to be held at the Airstrip on August 15th at 11:00 AM.

Elections for Directors were then held and the following were re-elected for a two year term: Sandra Bishop, Haden Heathcock and Mike Giza. Elected for the first time was Virginia Vranckx. The motion was moved by Norm Fowler and seconded by Phyllis McCulloch.

Mike Giza then introduced the concept of developing a "Lake Plan" for the area. It was described as "a strategic process that takes the whole community to be involved in a plan to protect the lake environment ---- property owners, businesses, government and ministries". The Executive believes that this should be done and is hoping that enough volunteers come forward to start a planning process. Anyone interested was asked to get in touch with Mike or any of the Directors. Some members have already offered their names as a result of the Winter survey. More will be reported to the membership through Newsletters and further meetings.

All Directors were thanked by President Holden for their time spent at meetings and time spent carrying out their own particular responsibilities. The audience also thanked them through their applause.

Councillor Derek Knowles was then introduced and he proceeded to talk about the waste management program in Dysart. It is the second largest expense for the Municipality. Used tires and "e-waste" are now being accepted at no cost due to provincial government programs. The new library was then talked about and members were invited to have a look at it if they had not already. Future plans for the Village of Haliburton included the revitalization of York Street, the Cenotaph and the removal of overhead wires on the main street. Derek explained that the "door has been opened a tiny bit" with regard to his possible running again for the position of Councillor.

Ward 2 candidate, Dennis Casey, was then introduced and he stated that he had been a Councillor 10 years

ago and now felt that he had the time to run again for the position. He stated that he wants to represent all voters and is not running on any specific issue. He promised that he will work to the best of his ability to work on all issues affecting us and the County.

Reeve Murray Fearrey was welcomed to his 35th appearance at MACA's AGM ! He reminded everyone of Dysart's Hazardous Waste Day on August 7th. He also spoke about the five year Review for the Official Plan and stated that there will now be a tree cutting bylaw that will go into effect. High speed for all residents of Ontario has been promised by the Federal Government for 2013! Reeve Fearrey also answered a question stating that Dysart will charge, through building permits, to ensure that roads are still in good shape after construction takes place.

President Holden then thanked all the candidates for coming and wished them well in their campaigns. The amalgamation of the Miskwabi Area Cottagers' Association and the Miskwabi Lake North Shore Association has hit a roadblock due to a legal opinion. Larry explained that a lawyer had advised them that all members of Plan 636 must belong to an association. The MACA Executive did not want to be in a position to have to "chase" property owners to join and thus all attempts at amalgamating have been put on hold until further clarification can be obtained. The President will seek more legal advice when their lawyer is available again in October. It was still the goal of Holden and the MACA Executive to pursue an amalgamation of the two associations.

Larry Holden then told the membership that high speed for many of the area's property owners is available through Bell Mobility, Rogers and Telus. As far as fibre optic high speed is concerned, it is not going to happen in the near future! Members were asked to speak with him at the end of the meeting for more information.

The draw for the two free Summer Festival Theater tickets was won by Tim Payment and the Nature Clean Basket was won by Marlene Wiseman ... for the second year in a row! A total of \$54.00 was raised through the Nature Clean sale of tickets.

The membership was thanked for their attendance and barbecued hamburgers were offered to all in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM. ■



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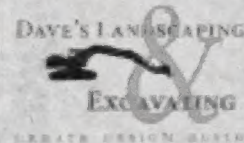
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Dusk Dances Make a Triumphant Return to Head Lake Park

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Minden Hills – Municipal Summary

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

No Extension for Election Signs

Whether seasonal and full time residents want them or not, the Minden Hills Council has agreed that no extension will be given to the time that election signs can be posted in the municipality. Sign proliferation topped the list of reasons for maintaining limitations that have been in place for some time.

The request for consideration to extend the period within which election signs can be posted came from Councillor Barbara Reid. Reid advised Council that according to 2006 electoral information approximately 64 percent of the eligible voters in Minden Hills are seasonal and while 57 percent of permanent residents exercise their right to vote, only 24 percent of seasonal residents vote.

"To deny the right to educate the taxpayers is unfair," said Reid. When it comes to sign proliferation, Reid said she believed that most candidates do not have sufficient financial resources to actually overwhelm the municipality with paper and signs. She said that changing or eliminating the election sign by-law was the right thing to do.

Councillor Lisa Schell was quick to respond that anyone who was interested in voting would educate themselves through the media. "I cannot imagine looking at the signs for half of the summer," she said.

Councillor Bill Obee commented that during the previous election he had wanted his signs up in the summer time when more people are in the community. "Changing the by-law makes sense. There would be more opportunity for people to campaign."

Obee suggested that incumbents had a stark advantage over any new candidates and a change would allow new candidates to get their information out sooner.

Councillor Peter Oyler said that candidates were able to file at the beginning of January and then advertise in any way they saw fit with the exception of election signs. Oyler said that he had brought the issue forward in 2003 as neither permanent or seasonal residents wanted sign proliferation. "I do not believe for one minute that signage in the municipality is any reflection of voter turnout. Some seasonal residents still don't even recognize that they are entitled to vote in both places, so put that message out. You can vote here and at home. I have a real problem with changing the by-law at this time."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch commented that over the last two elections she had received complaints about sign pollution and most of the complaints came from seasonal residents who wanted only to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. "I think that the forty-five days in the by-law is sufficient."

While the municipal by-law allows for signs to be posted for 45 days prior to the election, Reid was suggesting a start date of August 1st. She later pointed out that the mail-in ballots actually go out a month before Election Day. "If you're a cottager you've seen the signs for a maximum of 18 days and as kids are back in school you might not come up until Thanksgiving giving you little opportunity to see the signs at all."

Councillor Rick Ratcliffe agreed with Reid that it was time to re-evaluate the by-law and suggested a compromise of 60 days.

When it came time to vote on the resolution, which was a recommendation to maintain the by-law as it stands, it was nip and tuck with Reeve Jim McMahon breaking a tie and carrying the decision to limit the time that signs can be posted.

Proposed South Lake Development Continues to Raise Concerns

Despite a recommendation by their planning consultant, the Minden Hills Council continues to have serious reservations about Threebrooks Estates condominium development on South Lake.

The phased condominium development, which is presently proposed by the developer for 12 single detached dwellings, requires an amendment to the Official Plan to designate the lands as a Waterfront Special Area (to recognize deficient sized lots) and an amendment to the zoning by-law rezoning the lands from recreational commercial to shoreline residential. The planner from EcoVue recommended that the application proceed to a public meeting and then approval.

Councillor Bill Obee raised the issue of water supply, something that has caused Council considerable concern in the past given the potential for the municipality to have to assume responsibility for the system should the developer default in any way. The planner, however, suggested that this issue would be addressed in the condominium agreement.

Councillor Peter Oyler questioned the considerable reduction in lot frontage requirements from 60 metres to approximately 20 metres. "That is a heck of a deficiency," he said, asking what the development would do to South Lake. The planner commented that the deficiency was acceptable under a condominium plan.

Councillor Barbara Reid shared Oyler's concerns. "We're all in favour of redevelopment of the site, but Threebrooks is making a mockery of the entire OP by proceeding with a fractional ownership development. I feel like we have been had and I'm not happy at all. I will not support moving ahead until Councillor Obee's concern about the water supply is addressed. I understand that the buildings are almost complete and we have to work with people, but water is a key issue."

Reid suggested that there were a number of issues to be addressed before going to a public meeting. She also said she wanted to see a bulletproof document as she saw little difference between what was being proposed and 28 properties in Lutterworth that now must be serviced by the municipality.

CBO Ken Jones advised that the municipality's solicitor had been part of the discussions with the developers and made fully aware of Council's concerns about the water supply. "In the documents being developed it is clear that this isn't intended for year round use or permanent residents' use. While lived in year round, they will not be permanent homes and the municipality will not be on the hook as far as responsibility for the water system."

Reeve Jim McMahon commented that the units were being sold as year round. "I agree we're being taken for a ride."

Oyler recalled another fractional ownership development where the Ministry of the Environment was involved. He questioned the difference between jurisdictions, fractional ownership vs. condominium development and MOE's involvement in both but Jones assured him that MOE had been involved in the discussions and it was their position that Threebrooks is responsible for the water system and after Threebrooks, the condominium corporation.

Oyler said, "I'd sure like to see that in writing," and Council agreed. The matter was deferred until further clarification was received in writing.

Riverwalk Landscaping and Sidewalk Projects to Proceed

Tenders have been accepted to complete a limited amount of landscaping along Riverwalk and to proceed with the sidewalk work along Bobcaygeon Road and Water Street.

Deputy Reeve Murdoch relayed the news to Council that the work completed to date had left a small surplus which would be applied to the landscaping. She also advised that some of the decorative work along Riverwalk must be scaled down and that the sidewalks will only be replaced, and not widened given the funding available for the project.

Murdoch acknowledged that not completing some of the decorative work would be a loss but it would be necessary for the project to come in within budget.

Murdoch also advised that the consultant working on the project had knowingly tendered more work on the landscaping than the budget allowed with the intent of being selective. According to Murdoch, the members of the Riverwalk Steering Committee had chosen to do work around the Clergy House bridge, on placement of boulders and on some of the retaining walls. In addition some work will be done on two gazebos as well as some general landscaping.

Councillor Barbara Reid voiced concern about the timing of the tender for landscaping and questioned whether the municipality was getting best value for its dollar with only one bidder. Reid was also concerned that the project had been tendered during the peak of the landscaping season when contractors were busy and not seeking work. "This should have been tendered sooner."

In response to a question from Councillor Peter Oyler, CAO Gerry Morrison confirmed that the consultant (Brian Basterfield) had invited several companies out of the Peterborough area to bid on the landscaping project, but neither had bid. According to Morrison, Basterfield had noted that he had been hired as a professional consultant to work on Council's behalf and he is fully aware of the norm for unit prices. Morrison said that Basterfield would be working to ensure that the municipality receives good value for their tax dollars.

Reid, however, continued to have concerns given the fact that the tender was vastly higher than the estimates. She suggested the project go back out to tender. In response to this Morrison commented that there was a time frame involved within which the money must be spent. Reid then asked Morrison to check on the March deadline given the recent announcement that the Stanhope Airport project, which is also a stimulus project, had been given five years to complete.

Morrison simply responded that the municipality had signed an agreement with the province that included a deadline of March, 2011.

Councillor Peter Oyler, while agreeing to some extent with Reid, commented that the consultant had followed due process. He recommended proceeding with the resolutions to award the work and Council concurred.

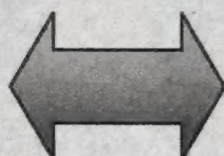
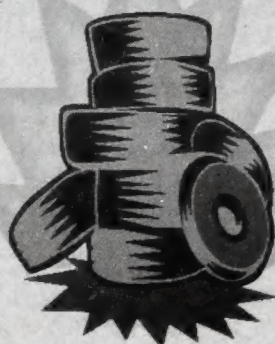
Council Recognizes Art Studios

Art studios are likely to be given a bit more latitude in the municipality's next zoning by-law update. The Council has agreed that it will consider allowing artists to operate out of accessory buildings rather than within the confines of their home.

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At the present time home occupations, which guide artists operating out of their homes, are restricted to operating within the confines of 25 percent of their dwelling, where home industries are permitted to operate within accessory buildings limited to 90 square metres in area. According to CBO Ken Jones, the existing requirements make it very difficult for artists creating works like metal sculptures who cannot operate inside their homes because of the hazards associated with welding and shaping of metal.

While existing studios became legal non-conforming with the passage of the 2006 zoning by-law, there is no ability for artists to expand their studios without submitting an application for rezoning. Jones reported that the Official Plan is somewhat vague with respect to arts studios, but he believed it appropriate to promote and foster the activities of artists within Minden Hills, and in fact, throughout the County.

Council concurred and passed a resolution that provisions for arts studios be included for consideration in the next zoning by-law update.

Council Supports Pool Project in Principle

After considerable discussion at their meeting last Thursday, the members of the Minden Hills Council agreed to support the swimming pool project being promoted by the County Pool Initiative Committee.

After a lot of investigation and hard work, the Committee members have been actively promoting the project to all of the four municipalities and providing considerable rationale to support a pool initiative in the County, but have been getting somewhat mixed reviews. Each municipality has been leery of making a commitment given the substantial costs involved, not just to see a permanent in ground pool built, but to operate and maintain such a facility, and the Minden Hills Council was no different.

Councillor Bill Obee felt that insufficient information had been provided to Council to make any kind of commitment. He said, "They refer to a survey that indicates that 95 percent of the people want the pool, but there is no detail on the number of people surveyed. More background information is necessary before I can support this initiative."

Councillor Barb Reid felt that as long as supporting the project in principle didn't require any commitment for staff or financial contribution she could support it.

Councillor Peter Oyler agreed with Reid that it was an excellent idea but said, "It doesn't matter what group is it, when a governing body supports an initiative in principle it inevitably leads to them expecting financial assistance. We should see a business plan first. Pools are great for young and old alike, but they represent a financial drain on municipalities."

Deputy Reeve Murdoch, while sharing the concerns of Oyler and Obee, was prepared to offer support in principle.

Reid commented that, given the tremendous amount of work required to prepare a business plan, the committee was asking for support in principle so they weren't wasting their time. If we say that we don't support the project in principle it sends a clear message for them to go away. If we make it clear that our support does not oblige us in any way, that may be all they are looking for. They want to embark on a comprehensive study but are reluctant to do so without any interest."

Reeve Jim McMahon said that the key to the request for support in principle was to allow the initiative to move forward.

Oyler said, "Make no mistake. If you support this in principle they will be back asking for money to build the pool. Recognize now that it will never pay for itself despite other rewards. I ask you to recognize that if you're on the next Council."

Murdoch said that despite the assumption that the municipality would be asked for financial support in the future, she was willing to support the request. She commented that the Council had supported other projects in the past.

The motion to support the project was passed. ■

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Marine Food Threat



The foundation of the entire marine food chain is being profoundly shaken by climate change, which could impact nearly all sea creatures as well as the humans who eat many of them. Researchers from Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University write in the journal *Nature* that the number of phytoplankton has plummeted globally over the last century as the climate has warmed. They say the rate of loss has increased in recent years. The microscopic plants are not only key to the oceanic food chain, but they are also responsible for producing half of Earth's atmospheric oxygen. The Dalhousie team says it believes there has been an approximate 40 percent decline in phytoplankton numbers since 1950, which can be linked to rising sea surface temperatures and changing oceanographic conditions.

Great Lakes Warming



The North American Great Lakes are as much as 15 degrees Fahrenheit above normal this summer, approaching record warmth in some areas due to a shortened winter season with scarce ice, followed by a hot spring. "They're already at what we would have expected to be their peak temperatures for the summer, and we have several more weeks of warming to go," University of Minnesota physics professor Jay Austin told *The Detroit News*. Lake Superior commercial fisherman Ralph Wilcox told the paper that whitefish have become much harder to catch since they fled the warmth near shore for cooler, deeper waters. This summer's warmth also appears responsible for the unusually thick blooms of algae that have slimed some parts of the Great Lakes. But the balmy waters have delighted many vacationers who can now swim much longer in the usually bracing surf.

Cricket Meteorite



A British cricket match was disrupted by a suspected meteor that crashed in front of two of the spectators, one of whom was struck by a fragment. Jan Marszel and Richard Haynes of the Sussex County Cricket Club said they saw a small dark object hurtling toward them "out of a blue sky." Marszel was hit in the chest by part of the five-inch rock that bounced up after splitting on impact. "We were quietly supping our pints, both looked up at the same time and saw a black object coming towards us — we didn't know what it was," said Haynes. He said that had it come from the other direction, they might have suspected that it had been thrown by someone. But both say it came from a great distance nearly parallel to the ground. If confirmed, it would be the first known meteor impact in the U.K. since 1992.

Deforestation Slows



New technology that quickly detects large-scale illicit deforestation in Brazil's Amazon region has resulted in a dramatic drop in the practice over the past year, according to the country's environment agency. IBAMA says satellite images reveal that only 580 square miles were lost to the most aggressive forms of illegal land-clearing between August 2009 and May 2010. That compares to 1,160 square miles over the same period a year earlier. The agency says that the use of radar sensors allows it to detect illegal logging and land-clearing even when skies are cloudy, or at night.

Earthquakes



An extremely powerful temblor capable of inflicting great damage, but centered far below the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, was barely felt at the surface.

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Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan, northeastern India, Canada's Bay of Fundy and along the California-Mexico border.

Tropical Cyclone



Tropical Storm Bonnie brought gales and locally heavy rain as it passed over the Bahamas and the southern tip of Florida on July 23. Fears that Bonnie would reach hurricane force while approaching the coastal waters of Louisiana prompted the temporary evacuation of vessels and personnel working to contain and clean up the BP Gulf spill.

Apt Apes



Tourists visiting the South African coast near Cape Town are being warned of a troop of baboons that can tell if visitors have left their vehicles unlocked or not. The South African Press Association reports the troublesome primates have learned to listen for the telltale "tweet tweet" triggered when the doors are locked by remote control. They immediately target those left unlocked once the owners are out of sight. Among the items reported to have been plundered by the simian snatchers are cameras, food and other valuables. Baboons have become more of a problem to humans as their habitat has been invaded by development around the Cape Peninsula. In early July, a 14-year-old baboon named William by local residents was euthanized by lethal injection after he was caught repeatedly breaking into homes and terrorizing people.

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Tour de Forest Attracts Hundreds

By Mark Arike

An Artful Long Weekend Features Work of 27 Artists

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Held on the long weekend at 10 studios spread out between West Guilford, Carnarvon and Haliburton, a total of 27 artisans were featured. Paint, stoneware, pottery, wood art, stained glass, jewellery and other creative works were all part of the "compact" tour.

"Most people had a really good tour this year," said glass artist Tom Green on Monday. Green, along with artists Jane Selbie and Barbara Joy Peel organized the two-day tour. "We figured the attendance was about the same and sales were up at most studios," he said.

Green, whose studio is conveniently located on Blairhampton Rd. just off Cty Rd. 21, reported that he had about 100 visitors on Saturday alone and estimates were that about 400-500 people came through the entire tour.

One the main focuses of this tour is to showcase the work of as many artists as possible, in as few locations as possible. That way, time that would otherwise be spent driving can be spent talking to the artists, learning about them and their work, and making purchases.

New artists on this year's tour included Donna Bisschop, Petra Abernethy, Alissa Whalen, Elizabeth Tonner-Keats, Susan Macdonald, Warren Smith and Theresa Wright.



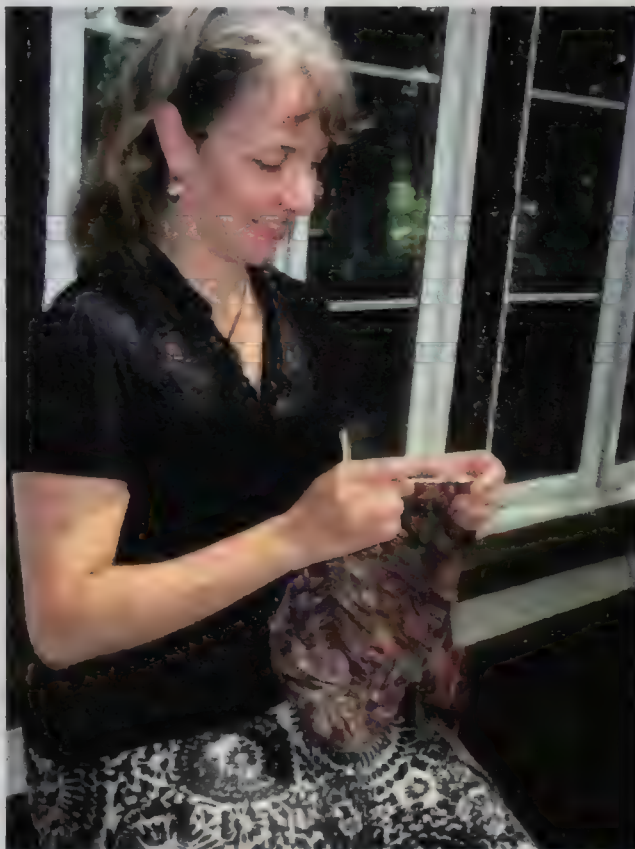
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Wood Burning
Artist Warren Smith, demonstrates his craft at Tom Greens Glass Eagle Studios



Above: Carole Finn at work.

Left: Susanne James is a knitter and pottery artist who was a guest at Carole Finn's Studio.



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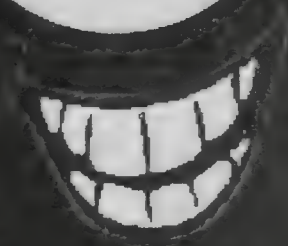
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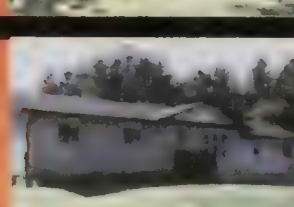
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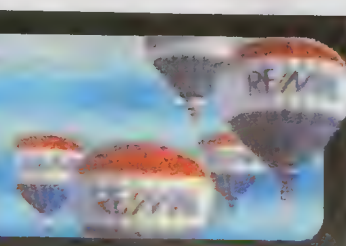
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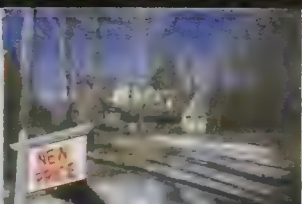
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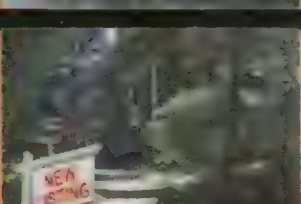
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Fabulous log cabin on a double lot with 265 feet of frontage on beautiful Horseshoe Lake. Very private, well treed gently sloping lot with western exposure. This property is owned by one of the original founding families on the lake. Gorgeous pine floors and a stone fireplace. Cottage is rustic and loaded with charm. Chinking and painting of replacement logs in front will be completed prior to closing. Priced for quick sale.



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Moider? Who Said Moider? Bodies Line the Stage in Summer Festival Romp

By Terrance Gavan

"This play kills - as all good comedies should"

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

By John Bishop

Directed by Ralph Small

Northern Lights Pavilion of Performing Arts - Haliburton

From August 2-5 and 10-13 - 8PM

Friggin' Nazis!

And how many wars did Bob Hope really win anyway?

Was Geraldo Rivera looking in the wrong tunnels for whomever he was hunting for? Maybe he shoulda' been crashing through the secret passages of a mansion in Chappaqua, New York.

And oh no, we're not straying off topic here at all.

Basically one has to keep in mind that nothing in The Musical Comedy of Murders of 1940 is normal. Never, even in the vaguest of terms could this play be explained in less than 95 sentences.

And sorry folks - that kinda space we ain't got.

Rule number one in theater and life: we are all just six degrees of separation from farce, madness, world domination and Kevin Bacon.

And so if you like your murder sliced and diced with a little irreverence, bonhomie, humor and madness then you will deliver your butts to some seats for the latest offering from the Haliburton Summer Festival.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 made its debut at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton last Monday evening (August 2).

And the very funny Bishop vehicle - which opened on Broadway back in the mid-eighties - did what it's supposed to do.

It killed. On many levels.

It's a lovely little play populated by delicious segues and sprinkles of snapped, snipped and snuggled references.

Und vat about zes' Nazis you ask?

Well, it sure isn't evident at the start, but this little gem of a play is chockablock with friggin' Nazis.

Quick primer. I can call 'em whatever I want. No one's gonna' complain. Like Jerry Seinfeld said: "No one trick or treats at the Hitler's."

So meandering through the haze we cut to the huge mansion in Chappaqua, home of the rich Broadway angel Elsa Von Grossenknueten. Played 'well over the top' by the effervescent Marilyn Hawley. She lives in the mansion with her maid Helsa Wenzel.

Helsa (played hilariously by Highland Summer Theater rookie Nicola Jowett) is either a triplet, a twin, or a friggin' Nazi. There's more going on here. As the curtain rises at midnight before the gathering, Elsa's maid Helsa is grabbed and seemingly murdered by a leather-masked attacker and stuffed in the closet.

Interestingly, Elsa is on hand for the next day's activities.

Over the radio, we hear that Nazi saboteurs were discovered making a submarine landing, and that one remains at large.

Patrick O'Reilly, an actor from New York, has an Irish accent and some knowledge about Elsa's father, an official under the Kaiser. The guests arrive during a snowstorm; the highway is closed; there are blackouts; the manse contains a labyrinthine set of secret passageways; Bishop takes sanguine pleasure in introducing a miasma of red herrings and plot twists.

Now, the director, composer, librettist and producer behind a new musical, The White House Merry-Go-Round, have been invited to the Chappaqua mansion ostensibly to audition their show for Elsa.

Also in attendance are three performers who have been hired to perform the script. However, the premise is subterfuge. The creative team gathered in Chappaqua had performed the same chores for another musical.

Three chorus girls were murdered by a serial killer known as the Stage Door Slasher. New York City Police Sergeant Kelly (Tim Nicholson with a superbly polished Brooklyn drawl) has arranged with Elsa to bring them together at the mansion in order to further his slasher investigation.

The dedicated cast has a lot of heavy lifting and they manage it with free-flowing grace. I had the feeling that they were having fun with the shake and bake of the plot and their sometimes perplexing roles.

Credit director Ralph Small and accent coach Scot Denton Small negotiates the perplexing complexities with amazing aplomb. Accents, patois and inflection define this play and the cast delivers admirably.

Hal High teacher Martin Gage plays tenor, turned cop, turned, well who knows. He starts out with a challenging Irish brogue, moves to what I think is the Archie Bunker Bronx version of that same brogue, and ends with a knife in his back and spouting off like Sergeant Schultz in a Hogan's Heroes rerun. Understand that all this is good stuff from Martin Gage in his Highlands debut.

There is one absolutely side-chucking, seam-splittin' scene where Martin engages a knife wielding Helsa. They feint, parry, and fuse and finally fall upon the desk in what we will call for lack of better words - an oak bottomed missionary position. Nicola Jowett and Martin Gage pop off one of the more memorable scenes in a staccato burst of hellz-a-poppin' fireworks.

You had to be there.

Really. Buy. A. Ticket.

I know it's not immediately evident, but this play is a two-thumber, both up. Hmm. Just like Helsa's legs under O'Reilly's oppressive frame. Oops, we digress.

Meanwhile, the handsome blue-eyed Irish tenor - or cop - has become a target of twin bill advances by writer Roger Hopewell (lovely job from Wayne Cooper as the de rigueur Broadway writer with "proclivities") and his drunken writing partner Bernice Roth (Maureen James



Moider moist fowl! The newest play in the Highland Summer Festival, The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, opened Monday night to rave reviews. Above, Nicola Jowett, who plays Helsa Wenzel, is accosted (and moidered?) by the Back Door Slasher. Played by? Nooooo. Get your ticket and find out! Northern Lights Pavilion, Aug 2 open; and closing night is Friday, Aug 12.

"Divoon! Simply Divoon!" Well done Lorraine. You had me in stitches. I was a bit teary eyed when she got the old run through by a well-placed fencing foil. "It was a divoon moment." (Yes divoon is divine ... stay with me.)

I cried till I laughed.

I haven't even got to the trick doors, sliding passages and walled in maze.

Big shout out to the carpenters and crew. It is a killer set baby.

Kudos.

So how to explain this play?

It's difficult.

Critics think the late John Bishop wrote this play as an antithesis - tonic? - to his more mundane and serious scripts.

If that was his aim ... well, he scored like William Tell.

We'll never know of course.

Churchill said it best.

"It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma."

Aha. Winston Churchill.

I believe he said, on more than one occasion.

"Harumphhhh! Blame it on the frickin' Nazis."

Two Thumbs up for: The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 by John Bishop; directed by Ralph Small

Cast: Nicola Jowett was Helsa Wenzel; Marilyn Hawley was Elsa Von G; Tim Nicholson as Michael Kelly; Martin Gage was Patrick

O'Reilly; Ken De La Maize played by Rod Carley; Brittany Robinson played Nikki Crandall; Ryan Brown was Eddie McCuen; Marjorie Baverstock played by Lorraine McNeil; Wayne Cooper played Roger Hopewell; Maureen James played Bernice Roth; Stage by Alessia Lupiano; wardrobe Melissa Stephens. ■

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Economy On The Rise? Haliburton Businesses have Great Weekend

By Courtney Griffin

Friday night's Midnight Madness had the Main Street of Haliburton barricaded off and filled with hundreds of people, vendors and merchandise. A general census was conducted on some local businesses to check out how they fared on the weekend.

Shop keepers and employees alike had the impression that the number of people at Midnight Madness was impressive and encouraging. "It wasn't hard to do better than last year," said Clay Glecoff of Stedman's V&S. "Last year was dismal. It was nice to see higher numbers out this year."

Echoing Glecoff's sentiments was Jim Henwood, owner of Henwood's Variety. "There seem to be more people at Midnight Madness for sure. It was probably the best Midnight Madness in the last two years." McKecks, one of Haliburton's staple restaurants, was absolutely thrilled with the entire weekend. Brooke Hamilton explained that the entire weekend was especially great, and that McKecks "did a record this year."

Some businesses, such as Home Hardware and Country Pickins, found that Midnight Madness itself wasn't incredibly busy, but the daytime hours proved otherwise. "Friday's daytime was busier than usual, but the Midnight Madness itself was not that busy," stated Ray Landon of Home Hardware. Chris Zahn, of Country Pickins, also said, "Midnight Madness was less busy than usual, however the day was busier than average."

In addition to Friday being a good day all around, the local



Firefighters Ed Muenzel and Dave McKay serve up the beef on a bun.

shops found the entire weekend to be very busy. "There were pretty steady weekend sales," explained Home Hardware's Doug Olliffe. "The Sunday of the long weekend was really good, it kept us busy." Heather Wicketts of Cindy's commented, "I didn't work the weekend, but apparently it was great; Midnight Madness was a really good night. The whole weekend was good, from what I hear."

Perhaps it's not just the economy's gradual change that led to a

much more successful long weekend than the last couple of years; maybe it has to do with the weather. "There's no way Toronto residents want to stay in the city in hot weather," Clay Glecoff theorized. "If the weather keeps going, we can ride this right into September. We're keeping our extended hours for an extra week because sales are good and we're not losing our students to school until later this year."

Doug Olliffe, of Home Hardware, also commented on the benefits of nice weather. "The weather has certainly been cooperative, which is good. The last couple of years haven't been very good for us," while owner Ray Langdon stated that "the whole month of July was way up from last year, and that's what we look at overall."

Haliburton's shops recognized this year's August long weekend to be one of good sales, and seemed excited about the fact. Whether or not the increase had to do with an economy on the mend or the fortune of good summer weather, the businesses don't seem to care. ■

The Wilberforce Fair Is Better Than Ever

By Courtney Griffin

The Wilberforce Agricultural Fair is boasting its slogan "Come see us now" for a good reason. The fair is sure to be amazing this year, as it received a \$35,000 grant from Celebrate Ontario to purchase items to improve the fair as a whole. New materials such as a tent, a sound system and outdoor lighting will be seen at this year's fair, as will numerous activities never before seen at the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair.

If you like the typical Wilberforce Fair style, don't worry! The standard attractions like the pony pull, horse shows, rope making and homemade crafts will be available, as well as minnow races, kid's crafts and an animal display.

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper will fill tummies on Friday night from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and provide all the energy necessary to participate in the astounding number of events. Head on down to the arena with your hockey sticks to join in a stellar game of ball hockey, and be sure to help your kids with their Passport to the Fair. The Passport requires kids to seek eight different locations and ask questions to earn a stamp — eight stamps will win the kids a free ice cream dessert!

There will be plenty of entertainment at the fair, partly as a result of the \$1000 allotted for entertainment from the grant; the Black Fly Boogie Band will be playing, and children's entertainer Jake Differ will be on hand to capture the attention of little ones.

An added bonus for this event, already a family venture, is that children under the age of 16 get in for free! The fair provides entertainment for each member of the family at an extremely affordable and reasonable price. Adult admission is just \$5, or a weekend pass can be purchased for \$8.

Don't forget that the Wilberforce Fair occurs regardless of the weather, so pack up your rain boots and jackets to keep dry. This is the 27th year for the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, and it's looking to be the best year ever! Be sure to attend this year for some good, affordable, whole-family fun. For more information, please visit www.wilberforcefair.com. ■

Paddy's Bay Kennisis \$549,000



895 ft fr, 12 ac, point lot W,N,E exp, 2400 sq ft, Viceroy, open concept, hardwood flrs, 2 ensuites 1-2 pc, master needs partition to give 3rd bdrm, 3 decks. Total priv. Great walking bush. Sandy, good swimming

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Redstone Lake \$329,000



3 bdrm cozy cottage with area for laundry & pantry. Vaulted wood ceilings, open concept LR/DR/Kitchen. With some work could be 4 season use. Priv lot with great views of Redstone. Lots of areas to play. Sandy entry to deep water. Snowmobile ramp off lake.

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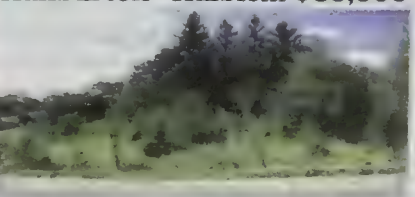
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The Wee Hidden Gem Welcomes National Champs and Prestigious Paddlers

Minden Whitewater Preserve hosts several stunning events on long weekend

By Terrance Gavan

Our little diamond in the rough, the Minden Whitewater Preserve, played convivial host to some stunner events last weekend.

The challenging Minden track, managed by Whitewater Ontario, was blessed with some convivial weather and a talented field of national and international competitors.

Whitewater reports via their website that, "The setting for this past weekend's 2010 National Whitewater Slalom Championships could not have been better. With ideal weather conditions and a superb water level on the beautiful Gull River near Minden, our National Championship again showcased Canada's top slalom racers."

That all important rider "superb water level" was a crucial piece of the mix last weekend.

All over Ontario there are reports of decreased water levels and especially along the Trent-Severn watershed cottagers and residents have been noting low water marks on a number of important lakes and feeders.

The Gull River course does have some capacity to monitor water flow from above, but that relies on some fine tuning with water control authorities at the upper echelons of the water shed. Kudos to whoever got it all right last weekend.

According to Whitewater Ontario the weekend events went off without a hitch.

The Junior, Cadet, and Masters races went on Saturday and the seniors racing hit the gates on the Sunday. (July 31-Aug 1) along with qualifying juniors.

Saturday's junior competition saw competitors vying for Whitewater Ontario's Andrew Westlake Memorial Race. Whitewater reports that a very impressive array of up and coming racers were on hand for the competition.

"On Saturday Junior National Team member Michael Tayler (ON) retained his two national championships with gold medal performances in both the Junior K1M and CIM categories," reports the Whitewater Ontario release.

In addition with capturing his third National Junior Championship, Tayler also received the Andrew Westlake Memorial Award.

Sunday's race featured Canada's top male and female paddlers along with a couple of strong Americans adding spice to the field.

Ontario's John Hastings, fresh from finishing 8th overall on the 2010 World Cup circuit, competed head-to-head with Olympian and reigning National Champion David Ford (BC) for this year's championship.

In a tight race, Ford retained his crown beating Hastings by 1.3 seconds for the gold medal. Ben Hayward (AB) finished in second place only .29 seconds behind Ford's winning time of 91.56.

A 2008 Olympian, Ontario's Sarah Boudens won her first National Championship in the K1W category narrowly defeating Ontario's Thea Froehlich, and National Team member Jessica Groenenveld who hails from Alberta.

Quebec paddler and former National Team member Pierre Levesque thanked the race organizers and volunteers on behalf of all the athletes during the awards ceremony at the Roger Parsons

Race Director Steve Pomeroy said, "It was not only a tremendous championship race but also a great week for all competitors - young and old - who had a chance to paddle on one of North America's best whitewater venues."

Minden 150 Bike Tour - Saturday August 14

It's baaaaaack!

Year two for Minden 150 Bike Tour, billed as a fun way to explore Minden and Haliburton County.

Last year's inaugural race was an unprecedented success and this year the popular competitive - or family friendly bike and buzz - event has the backing of all the local councils, volunteer organizations and local businesses.

All rides will be taking place through out the Haliburton Highlands, and they are chockablock with those hills, both, arggh, gaaasp, up, and wheeee, down,

Because this event is billed as an all-encompassing venue there are other shorter routes available.

Novices and families with kids might want to choose the 30/40 kilometer track; it's a family-friendly little course. (See descriptions of all tracks and register at minden150.ca).

The intermediate rider might be more comfortable wheeling out on the 70 click track. Of course visiting and local road warriors, and seasoned competitors will all be banging pedals and leaning turns in the ultra challenging 150 K tricky trapeze through the rolling Highlands.

Organizers advise: "Travel at your own pace and obey the rules of the road. Rest stops along the way will provide nutritious snacks and refreshments.

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Field Hockey DAP (due appreciation)

The Honorable James Jerome Sports Complex is the field hockey venue for the Ontario Summer Games this year. The games are in Sudbury from Aug 10-13. If you don't know who the Honorable James Jerome was (or is?) don't worry.

If you see Jessica Duchene, Jessica Bishop, Ali and Brigitta Hicks, Holly Broderick, Laura Pottier, Grace Diezel, Emma Paul, Sandy Griffith, Jenn Woolacott or Lindsey Pogue walking around town later this month just ask 'em.

They'll be spending a lot of time hangin' at the Jimmy Jerome fields next week in Sudbury as members of an 11 player juggernaut flying the flag for Haliburton County.

Good luck to all eleven young women.

Okay. John Jerome. Sudbury lawyer, Liberal MP, speaker of the House of Commons for a heck of a long time and in 1980 PM

Joe-Bob Clark appointed Jimmy Associate Chief Justice of the Federal Court in Ottawa. JJ remained in that position until his retirement in 1998. Nice man too. ■

39th Annual Highland Yard

It was a perfect day for a race, and 230 competitors laced up for the 39th running of the annual Highland Yard road race. Seventy-seven runners were registered for the 10k race, while 125 individuals, along with 7 teams (of 4) covered the 5k route.

At first, things appeared as usual, as in past years, with spectators gathering on the main street while competitors were limbering up and chatting amongst themselves or with friends and supporters.

It wasn't until after the competitors lined up at the start gate and the 3 groups were off and running that it became noticeable that there were fewer people in attendance than in past years. Four-time Yard competitor, Ian Kay, didn't run this year. "Out of principle", he said. It seems the entry fee for the 10k run has increased from \$35 in 2008, to \$60 this year. Another avid runner and competitor, Belinda Manze concurred, claiming that \$60.00 was quite a high entry fee for a 10k race. "And every competitor brings along friends and family", Kay pointed out.

Sometimes, perceptions can be deceiving, but a check of results recorded on several race web sites shows a considerable decline in entries for the 2010 run. This year 77 runners entered the 10k race, there were 108 in 2009 and 102 in 2008. The 5k race suggests a similar pattern, 125 this year, down from 169 and 170 in past years.

Given that the race is a charity fund-raiser, it's hard to find fault with the organizers.

However, people do have financial limitations, and principles. Possibly the fund raising effort has become a bit overzealous, or the small town fun race is trying too hard to compete with the big town events. Chipped times and fancy shirts are nice, but at what cost? Why has the 10k entry fee risen over 40% in two years?

The Amici web site claims close to 350 participants annually. It may be worth exploring why there was such a significant decrease in 2010 event. Could be that the increased entry fees have nothing to do with the drop in runner registration. But maybe they do. The Highland Yard has traditionally been fun for runners of all ages. Money raised through the event is used to give underprivileged children a summer camp experience.

Possibly the decline this year is just an anomaly, and the 40th running of the Highland Yard will see the streets of Minden crowded once again. For more information, see

http://www.amicicharity.org/html/highland_yard.htm



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Horseshoes, with Pigs and Wrestlers on the Side

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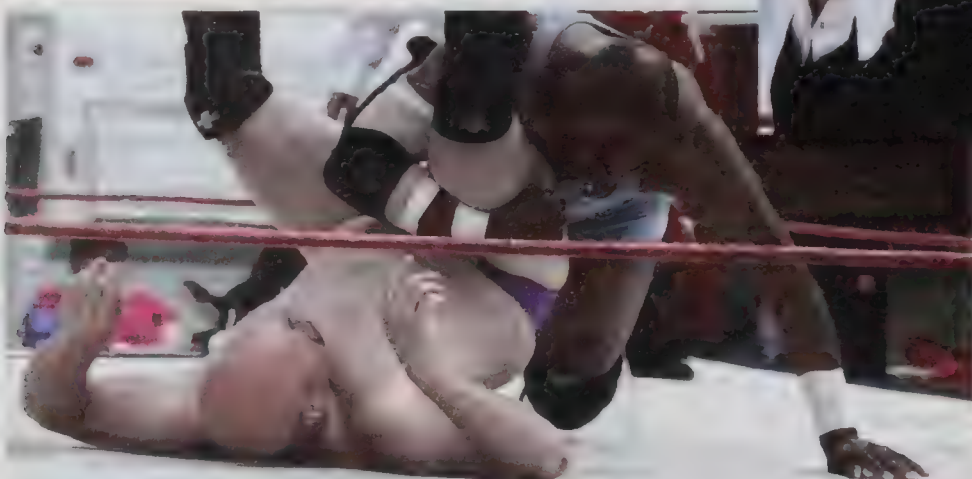
Last weekend Gooderham played host to a menagerie of critters, as well as a collection of humans who exhibited behavior less genteel than that of the animals.

While the pigs, goats and ducks ran the "barnyard derby", Gooderham's version of the sport of kings; wrestlers pummeled their adversaries in the ring and hurled insults at each other and at spectators.

The Canadian Wrestling Entertainment team presented "Hillbilly Havoc" with a \$5000.00 purse courtesy of sponsor Lakeport Beer. Probably one of the most popular bouts was that between lone female wrestler "Mommi Tsunami" and "Rip Impact". There was no question where the crowd's loyalties lay during that match.

Unfortunately, Mommi Tsunami was later defeated by RJ City, who also eliminated Reggie Marley and went on to become the 2010 Hillbilly Havoc champion.

Fans were forced to nurse their disappointment with French fries, burgers, corn, sausage, hot dogs and an assortment of other comfort comestibles. ■





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Mike Fay Unleashes The Golden Slipper, a Pas de Deux Through Time

By Terrance Gavan

Emily Stonehouse chats about her directorial debut

The Golden Slipper
An Original Play by Michael Fay
Directed by Emily Stonehouse
Under the Big Top at Minden Cultural Centre
Aug. 11-12-18-19 (7 PM) Aug 15- (2 PM)

It starts with a gunshot.

It ends with a bang.

The gunshot whispered along a Toronto street in the middle of a labor demonstration

The bang?

Muffled cannons and sharp riposte from infantry rifles, all along the Spanish frontier during the height of the Spanish Civil War,

The Golden Slipper by Michael Fay opens next week, Aug. 11 at 7 pm in the park at the Minden Cultural Centre.

It's a traveler.

One of those plays that must capture in two acts the ambivalence and the ardour of a special time in Canadian history. Kudos to Michael Fay and director Emily Stonehouse.

It succeeds.

Back to Toronto for the real opening scenes, circa 1936.

Depth of the depression.

A protest in downtown Toronto. Infusion of high ardour, testosterone and anger. Crowds venting against a somewhat bent bureaucracy. See, no one's got money except lumber barons, railway bigwigs and the Canadian government.

Something's rotten in Cabbagetown and it ain't the boiled spuds and gruel.

"Yes my friends we got trouble; yeah, yeah. Right here in TO City. Yeah, yeah. Starts with T and that rhymes with C and that stands for Cruel ... and unusual."

Okay no pool. But a lot of ghoulish tools making do-re-mi during Canada's recessionista hay days.

This play is about all that. It's also about Spain and a similarly cruel fascist regime.

But back to the plot.

Enter in succession.

A labor organizer, his feminist girlfriend, a kick-ass Irish doctor, and an idealistic nurse.

Thickened pot, stirred stew. The four become involved in - through a twisting and circuitous plot stutter - a Depression-era labor protest gone way wrong.

The organizer is shot; the feminist love interest steps in to whisk him away.

A nurse is enlisted, a doctor is found. Nurse and doctor staunch the wound without alerting police and government authorities.

Gunshot fixed.

And presto, four young co-conspirators are now, of a sudden, facing some pretty substantial charges; all crunched gainst' the backdrop of some hefty government weight; and an inbred bureaucratic intolerance of brash-talkin' reds, feminists and pug-ugly union leaders. Spitballin' here, hang in.

All four of the young people know that the cops will be turning rocks and sifting clues in a desperate attempt to locate the wounded organizer.

Time to vamoose and leave the big smoke behind.

It's summer. So what better place to duck the law than cottage country.

Okay so it's not Nassau. But this is 1936 and no one's looking for a tax haven.

The quartet of fugitives hightails it and they end up dancing to the strains of another quartet, Hap Holliday and the Holiduers (played to a tune by the Highlands' own Jazz Kitchen quartet) at the famous Golden Slipper Dance Hall in the Highlands. Yes, it did exist. And no, you will have to Google it yourself, Stephen Patrick, the golden conscience will have my Hyde if I segue - no joke, Jeckyl.

Whewwwwww!

The fog undrapes from the recesses of the twisting Gull River.

Methinks Michael Fay, the Bard on The Gull, has done it once again.

He's managed to coerce subterfuge, revolt and a really great bunch of commie sympathizers to his back door.

The better to contemplate the sinewed meander of a tale of young love in bloom parsed through the misted miasma of noble cause and young rebels willing to drop everything and join many thousands of other young North Americans flocking to Spain, to fight fascism; and perchance to land a mention in a Hemingway novel?

Ah we stray. To crass accusations and allusions.

No, not for fame did these thousands of Canadians delve to rebel cause in Spain. It was a time when "Workers of the World Unite" fomented a change in thinking. The Teamsters, garment workers, miners, all proceeded to sustain cause.

Collective bargaining. The birth of national unions; and a growing intolerance of the skewed imbalance of power hefted by robber barons and bureaucratic elite against the huddled masses. You know da' tune. Marx and that old swingin' stick: ze' gut old "lumpen proletariat."

Whoa. I'm getting' all kvetch over my second year political studies class. Sniff.

Seriously though. After taking a year-long hiatus, Michael Fay is back with a vengeance.

His new play "The Golden Slipper" is the culmination of an idea he had while he was still involved in his 2008 depression-era play, A River Needs to Run.

"The Golden Slipper opens in 1936 and is basically the story of two young couples who meet and decide to go to Spain," explains Fay. The play gained momentum after Fay read a book penned by a friend. Author Mark Zuehlke wrote Gallant Cause to tell a story about those Canadians who went to Spain to battle the fascists.

The idea at the start of the play came from his intrinsic knowledge of the depression era.

"I found a line of action by remembering how dangerous the demonstrations in the mid-30s seemed to the investment bankers and industrialists," says Fay.

It took eight drafts before Fay was finally happy with his play. And at the heart of it is a love story about two couples "deciding to interrupt their work for social justice in Canada to join the more pressing struggle to stop fascism in Spain."

All very exciting. No?

Of course, but for Fay the real exciting part of this production is the people involved.

"It's a great group, and they're so young, which I think is absolutely marvelous," says Fay.

Young and brash. Headed by 18-year-old powerhouse Emily Stonehouse, making her big stage debut as director of a full-fledged production. She directed a play At the Minden Fringe last season.

The two women leads, Lila Ross and Vera Payne, are played by two 17-year-old prodigies, Kalie Schell and Monica Sullivan. They play about 12 years above their age, but Stonehouse says that the two high school students are equal to the task. Other players include Arlen Mighton (the doctor Ciaran Doyle), Aaron King (Dan James) Caroline McLachlan Darling (Nan Payne), Sheryl Loucks (Fannie), Tudor Halton (Willie) and the Jazz Kitchen with Dave Brusegard, Graham Bowker, Hugh Taylor and Irene Merritt. Fay Martin is stage manager and Jessie Geall is in charge of the costumes.

Stonehouse says she is ultimately very happy with the way the play has burgeoned from plate to dinner. It comes with special challenges. Outside, and open to the wind, water and whatever.

Most challenging was character development.

"Hard for people our age to actually see 1936," says Stonehouse, talking from the Minden Hills location last Monday. "I try to bring in the modern issues and try to make them think of that. It makes



Clockwise from top left: Tudor Holton, Arlen Mighton, Sheryl Loucks, Fay Martin (Producer) Emily Stonehouse (Director), Monica Sullivan, and Caroline McLachlan Darling.

them that much more passionate. Makes it that much more real. And that's what I've been trying to focus on. What Michael does is bring the historical perspective and he does a great job."

Part of the challenge lies in capturing those four kindred spirits, the blossoming love and their growing commitment to noble cause. Challenging, says Stonehouse.

"All of the characters start out enclosed in their own little box," she says, "And they're very scared to reach out. But as the play unfolds there's this huge transition, and the characters become willing to open up and do things for the world."

Stonehouse is captivated by that parallel story line.

"The way I begin plays ... I try to understand the human aspect of it," says Stonehouse.

For this particular setting Stonehouse took it to the Actor's Studio. To make them comfortable with time frames she embarked on a nifty little Constantin Stanislavsky trick. She fed her actors breakfasts mirroring what depression era families would have eaten in 1936. (I don't think it's Pavlovian.)

She confides that the cast has to become more comfortable with the era. Every little bit(e) helps apparently.

"There's been a lot of character development and that's what we've really been working on," says Stonehouse.

She breaks into smiles when detailing her work with the twin love interests. She thrives on the challenges inherent in bringing realism to the blossoming relationships. Doctor and nurse; Feminist and working class organizer.

"I can understand the human aspect and I can understand the basic relationships within it, so that's what I really try to bring out in the actors," says Stonehouse. "And it's easier for them too because they can relate to being in love; they can relate to hating someone and they can relate to feeling passionate about a cause."

And certainly no lack of passion within this many-layered play.

Kudos to Fay and Stonehouse and for god's sake, get out and catch this play.

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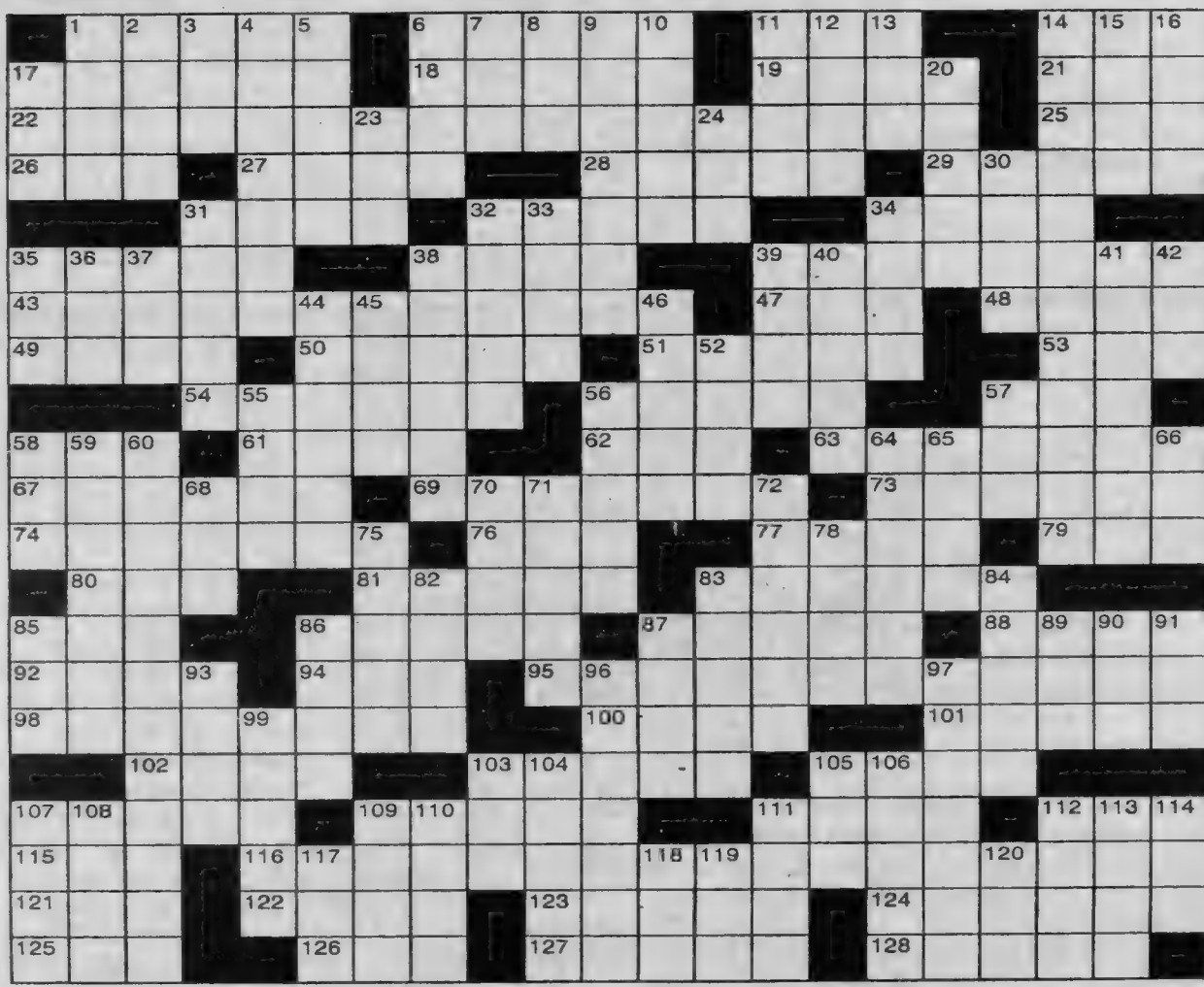
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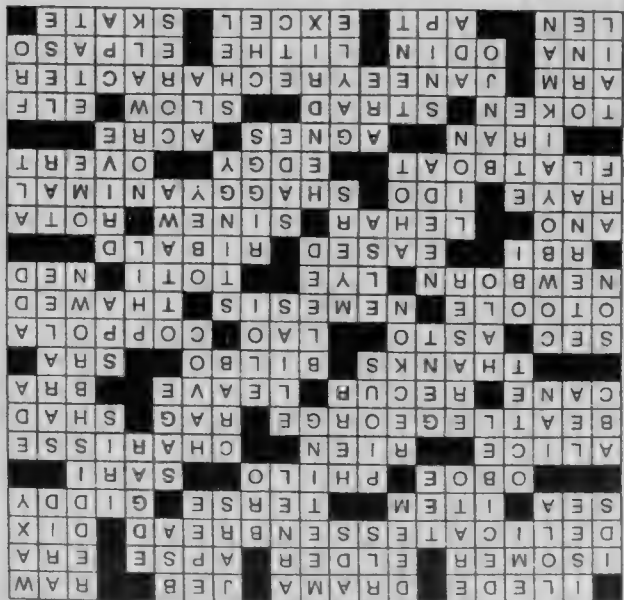
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DEAR RESENTFUL: The answer to both of your questions is yes.

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old daughter "Gwen" has friends whose parents allow them to watch movies I prefer my daughter not see -- specifically, scary movies. The parents of one of the girls have invited Gwen to a sleepover. I have been making excuses because I don't want Gwen having nightmares. Would it be wrong or impolite to tell these parents that I don't want her watching scary movies? I don't want to appear to be dictating to them what they can or can't allow their children to see in their own home. How should this be handled? -- PROTECTIVE MOM, MUSTANG, OKLA.

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: Be upfront with the mother who will be hosting the sleepover. Tell her that you know Gwen would love to participate, but that you prefer that she not see scary films. If the mother can guarantee that none will be viewed that night, give your permission. Making your preference known is neither rude nor overbearing, so speak up.



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BORN THIS WEEK: Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: MAMMALS OF NORTH AMERICA (e.g., Known for its ability to secrete a foul-smelling odor. Answer: Skunk.)

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1. It is often portrayed as a sly animal. Answer: _____
2. Known for its long ears and long, powerful rear legs. Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
3. Along with the kodiak bear, it is the largest of the bear family. Answer: _____
4. The largest extant species in the deer family. Answer: _____

5. In some cities, they are the only wild mammals that many people ever see. Answer: _____
6. It is also known as the American jackal or the prairie wolf. Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. The Canadian quarter depicts this animal on one face. Answer: _____
8. It is also known as a puma or mountain lion. Answer: _____
9. The largest rodent in North America. Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Fox. 2. Rabbit. 3. Polar bear. 4. Moose (European elk). 5. Squirrels. 6. Coyote. 7. Caribou. 8. Cougar. 9. Beaver.

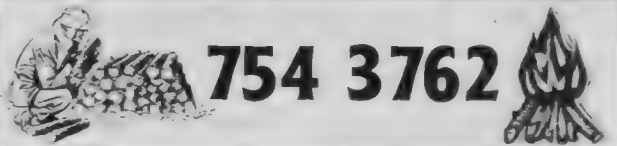
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18 points -- congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points -- honors graduate; 10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points -- who reads the questions to you?

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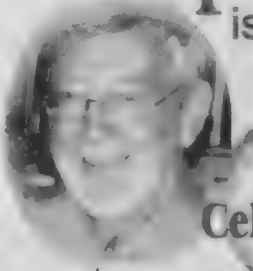
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Allie Marsh

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Nancy, Bill & Bob Clarke

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Announcements



Police Reports

Drug Bust on White Boundary Road

On the 28th of July, 2010, members of the OPP Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau Drug Unit along with the OPP Emergency Response Team, K-9 unit and the Rural Agricultural Crime Unit located three suspects at an outdoor marihuana grow operation off White Boundary Road, Haliburton County.

Officers seized a total of 900 marihuana plants and growing equipment. A CDSA Search warrant was executed at a nearby cottage on White Boundary Road and a quantity of cash, grow equipment, a motor vehicle and a stolen generator were seized.

Charged with Production of Cannabis Marihuana, Possession of stolen property are: Christopher Dennis, 38 Years, of Kirkfield; Wade Dew, 42 Years, of Bobcaygeon; and Darryl McMann, 35 years, of Cannington.

Dennis was held in custody for Breaching a conditional sentence. Dew and McMann were released on a Promise to Appear in Court on the 1st of September, 2010.

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Environment Haliburton! Questions Its Role at AGM

By Will Jones

"We need to address the issue of energy costs and how we can reduce them and the subsequent burden on the tax payer," Barb Reid

While acknowledging the good work carried out to date, the directors of Environment Haliburton questioned the validity of the organisation as it stands and asked of themselves and others what has the future in store for EH!

This critical examination of the role of the county's longstanding bastion of sustainable living came at the group's Annual General Meeting, held in the beautifully restored barn of Dave and Cheryl Bathe. With the sun glinting through gaps in the timber façade and garlic bulbs hanging to dry overhead, EH! directors expressed their pleasure that the environmental message is now spreading and that other groups are taking up the cause.

"We read in the newspapers that lake associations are working with the Land Trust to protect islands," said director Paul Stone, "and that CHA is producing a lake stewardship manual, which will address many issues surrounding the sustainability of our lake-land habitats."

Farmers are now also acknowledging the burgeoning market for locally grown, organic and free range food. And, where initially EH! had to push hard to ensure good attendance from sellers at the farmers market, now it has a momentum of its own. But where does this leave EH!?

"We need to define what EH! is," he said. "We need to set out our goals and make a workable plan that we can achieve with the limited resources that we have." EH! board member Dave Bathe

Treasurer Carolyn Coburn said: "There are only so many organisations that a community can support and people tend to gravitate towards single issues that affect or interest them, the Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail for instance. Is the mandate of EH! too broad?"

Coburn's question on the scope of EH!, the variety of issues that it attempts to address and its ability to tackle them well was brought into sharp focus with Paul Stone's report on local food. The Haliburton Highlands Local Foods Coalition, a subgroup started by members of EH! has been instrumental in garnering interest around local foods and it continues to do so – there is a workshop on preserving foods coming up in late August.

"However," Stone said, "with the Farmers Association picking up what we did, such as visits to schools etc, and the market becoming more popular, the group has lapsed. A lot of interesting things came out of the instigation of the group but for it to be of continued benefit to the community we need a new direction, a new impetus."

Fellow board member David Bathe called for the organisation to think hard about what the future holds for it. "We need to define what EH! is," he said. "We need to set out our goals and make a workable plan that we can achieve with the limited resources that we have."

Everyone at the meeting agreed and the board of directors has set itself the task of redefining the role of EH! both in terms of the causes it will pursue in the future and the organisational structure of the group itself. This issue of governance was raised by president Heather Ross, who sent a written statement to the AGM as she is currently working up north in her role as a consultant to the First Nations.

Ross questioned the validity of the current structure – president, vice president etc – and proposed to share out the roles and workload between directors. She asked: "Do we need to be incorporated? This forces us into the unpopular hierarchical organisational structure, and, it means that we must have insurance – an \$800 annual cost, which is EH!'s largest single expense."

Being incorporated means that charitable organisations can apply for provincial and federal funding but, as Ross pointed out in her missive to the AGM, EH! had not done that for over two years, and that it lacked the capacity to supervise and report on such funded projects, too.

Those at the meeting saw sense in Ross' proposals, and a motion was carried that while the board of directors would be elected at the end of the AGM, the roles of president and vice president would be discussed at the board of directors' meeting. "Where we'll be able to twist arms in private!" joked director Eric Lilius.

With all of this soul searching going on, it was a relief to first hear from Terry Wright on her drive (pardon the pun) to implement a car share program in Haliburton and the surrounding area and then to fire questions at special guests, the Vision Team.

Wright has previously conducted a study on rural transportation initiatives with students Brittany Prentice and Emily Pilgrim. She held a workshop in June, which got good attendance and has since been surveying numerous bodies to gauge their enthusiasm for car share and community transport schemes.

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"We need to define what EH is" from page ...26

Wright's findings show that in North Hastings and Bancroft the community bus for seniors was such a success that the initiative has now been extended to anyone who needs to use it. Nearer to home, the Mental Health Association in Minden said that they would be able to make good use of such a service; however, the OPP county relations officer dismissed the idea, as they have their own transportation plan.

Wright says her next step is to go back and reassess the survey. "We know there is a need for shared transportation of some kind in our rural areas," she said. "What we need to do now is define whether it is a formal requirement such as a community bus or simply a way of networking by phone or email to connect the people with rides with those wanting to go somewhere."

Next up to the floor was the Vision Team, or three quarters of it. Barb Reid, Brigitte Gall and Larry Clarke – running for Reeve, Ward 1 Councillor and Councillor at Large in Minden, respectively – came to the meeting not to lecture on their political stance but to ask 'what are the issues surrounding our environment and sustainability that we can help address?'

Issues thrown up from the floor included the need for car-sharing to benefit Minden's seniors and low income families; the use of public land that is currently lying fallow to offer spaces where people can plant gardens; the weatherisation of municipal properties, which would greatly reduce energy bills and create work at the same time; the requirement for environmental assessments for new construction proposals; and, the ongoing fight to permanently ban motorised vehicles from the Rail Trail.

Eric Lilius also brought up the topic of transition and the need to move from a reliance on global resources to using what we have more locally. His all encompassing description, which took in the BP disaster in Louisiana and perma-culture in Belize somewhat flummoxed the attending council candidates. However, they did promise to look into ways to address all of the issues.

"There is potential for a web-based car share network and for the council to help initiate and run it. And, we can talk to the municipality about selling or providing land for folks to garden" Reid said. "We also need to address the issue of energy costs and how we can reduce them and the subsequent burden on the tax payer."

As for the Rail Trail/Enduro bike debacle, Reid said: "We know where opposition to banning Enduro bikes is coming from. We need someone from Minden to step into the electoral race and oppose the deputy reeve."

Reid urged EH! to be present at the open-houses that will precede the formalisation of the council's new Official Plan. "Make sure you are there because you will have the ear of the municipality," she said. Clarke added: "The new Official Plan needs to have all of the stakeholder groups at the table if it is going to properly benefit the community. We urge you to be there and be part of it."

With topics still being put from the floor time with the election candidates ran out.

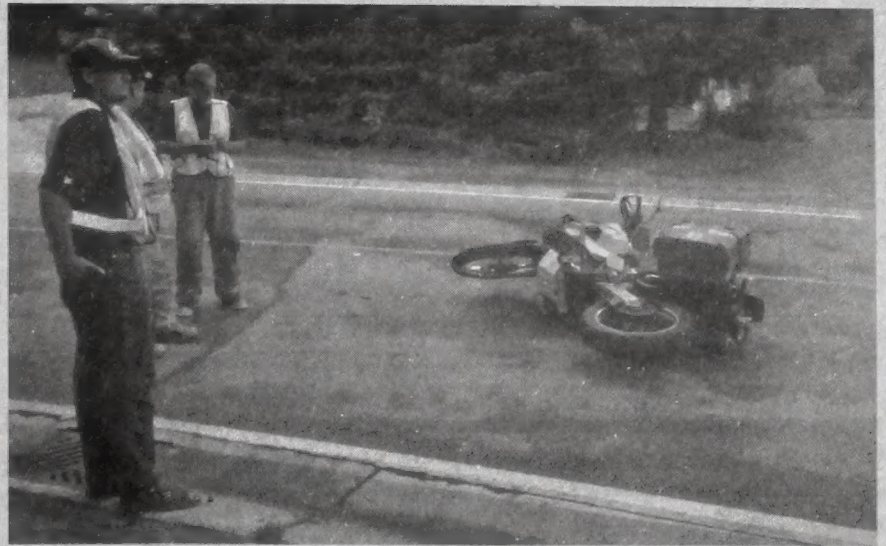
EH! it seems is a group full of members passionate about their environment but each focusing on individual aspects of environmentalism and sustainability. Just as Coburn had said of the public, they too tend to gravitate towards one issue. Here perhaps is where their value lies, as a group of extremely knowledgeable and well connected people who can assist the less well informed in their quest to protect a wetland; to choose a renewable energy source; to fight mineral extraction; to get a ride into town without owning a car.

"We can take great comfort and pride that people are now taking up our environmental concerns and working with their own organisations to protect the environment and promote local food," said Coburn. "What we need to do now is figure out how we can best push forward; what we should be focussing on; and, how we can do that without over-reaching our limited resources."

The pot luck lunch beckoned. However, the last housekeeping matters were still to attend to. A treasurer's report found no one questioning the spending of EH!'s funds and all directors were re-elected, with the exception of Joan Barton, who resigned her post as vice president because she is now running for election as a councillor in Ward 4. Terry Wright also agreed to become a board member. She was accepted unanimously.

Now comes the hard work. EH! needs to define its goals for the near future; both for its own members and to best help the community and our environment. ■

Motorcycle Down... Driver OK



Dysart et al Firefighters attended this accident on Hwy 118 in Haliburton, at the site of the old Sir Sandford building. The motorcyclist sustained no serious injuries after his bike crashed in the light rain.

Coming Events

Junior FAIR DAY CAMP

August 16th and 17th, 2010
10:00 a.m. - Noon, 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

ACTIVITIES

Create exhibits (crafts) to be judged and displayed at
The Agricultural Fair in Minden August 20th - 21st 2010

AGES

Pre-School to Grade 8
Snacks will be provided

Contact
Diane Dollo at 286-2342
Sue Sisson 286-2000
Ila Kellett 286-3905
Pat Maulson 286 6042



NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSES TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

All citizens with an interest in land use planning in the Municipality of Highlands East are invited to attend an open house to obtain information on the new Official Plan for the Town. The current Official Plan was approved on December 7, 2004 and Provincial legislation requires municipalities to review and update their Official Plan every 5 years to consider local planning issues as well as to ensure consistency with Provincial policy.

This open house will follow an informal workshop format with a overview presentation and an opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to discuss planning issues and community values.

The date, time and location of the Open Houses is provided below:

Afternoon Open House:

Date: Monday, August 30, 2010
Time: 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.
Location: Glamorgan Community Centre

Evening Open House:

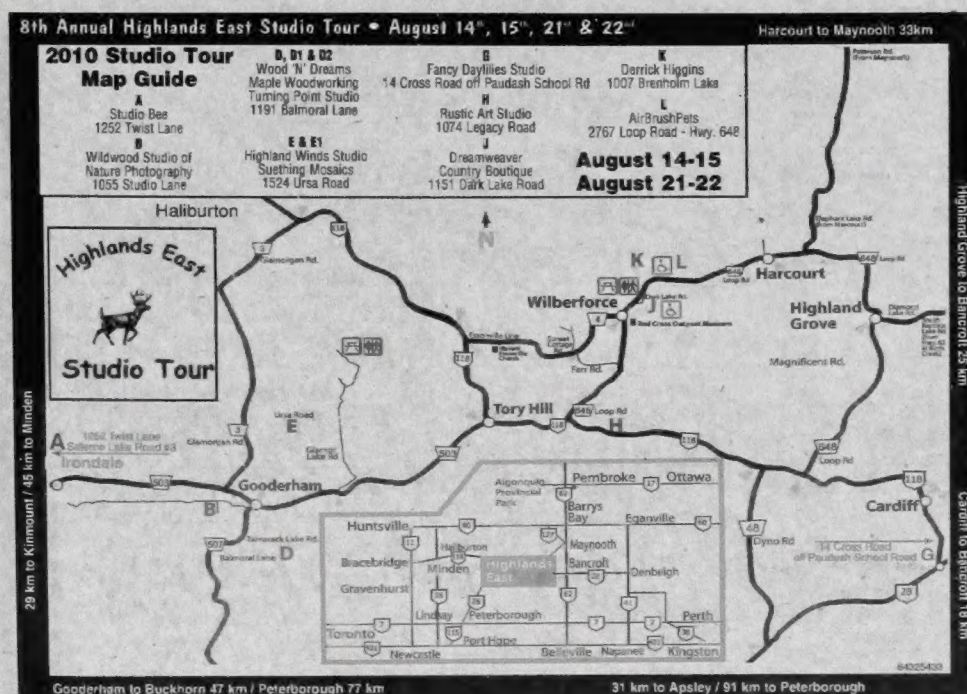
Date: Monday, August 30, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
Location: Lloyd Watson Community Centre - Wilberforce

If you are planning to attend this open house, the following documents may provide useful background information:

1. Official Plan for the Municipality of Highlands East available at the Municipal Office or for download at www.highlandseast.ca/downloads/officialplan
2. Official Plan Review and Update - Discussion Paper available at the Municipal Office or for download at www.highlandseast.ca
3. County of Haliburton Official Plan available at the County of Haliburton Municipal Office in Minden or for download at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/main.asp?function=municipal&subfunction=municipal§ion=Planning&subsection=OfficialPlan
4. Provincial Policy Statement 2005 available for download at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/main.asp?function=municipal&subfunction=municipal§ion=Planning&subsection=OfficialPlan

If you cannot attend this open house but have questions or would like additional information, please contact either Ms. Irene Cook at the Municipality of Highlands East (705) 448-2981, e-mail icook@highlandseast.ca, or Chris Jones MCIP, RPP (705) 737-4512 x224, e-mail chris@meridianplan.ca

Coming Events



INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

Royal LePage LAKES of HALIBURTON Brokerage

HALIBURTON
Bus: (705) 457-2414
(800) 457-2414

MINDEN
Bus: (705) 286-1234
(877) 286-3334

KENNISIS
Bus: (705) 754-1932
(800) 203-7471

KINMOUNT
Bus: (705) 488-3077

MAPLE LAKE - \$239,900



3 bedroom cottage, south exposure on 3 lake chain. 115 feet of sandy shoreline. Cottage has lots of charm with cedar paneling throughout, dining room, outdoor entertaining on the 2 decks or the inner court yard.

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

MINDEN LAKE - \$359,900



Modern Viceroy style 4 season 3 bedroom 1.5 washroom home/cottage. Modern open concept interior features sunken living & dining rooms with cathedral ceilings. Numerous recent upgrades plus 5 appliances complement this attractive package. Golden sand rippled beach.

Cathy Bain * 286-1234 ex. 224

FARQUHAR LAKE - \$299,900



Winterized 3 bedroom cottage/home - features, 2 baths, drilled well, walk-out basement, metal roof, new windows, furnace, insulation, security system even wired for a generator. Close to lots of trails for winter sledding.

Cathy Bain * 286-1234 ex. 224

BLUE LAKE - \$599,900



Private, spring fed 40 acre lake in a 102 acre mature mixed bush acreage. Superb municipal year round access - comprised of 2 separately deeded parcels. Modern 1,248 sq. ft. year round home/cottage with drilled well, full septic, hydro & phone.

Lawrence VanLieshout** 457-2414

CRYSTAL LAKE ISLAND - \$449,900



600+ feet of shoreline with south and west views plus 1.1 acres mainland waterfront. Chalet-style 2-bedroom has pine walls and floors. A short boat ride from mainland parking. Call Diane.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$645,000



3 bedroom with cathedral ceilings, pine interior, laundry, 28 X 70 garage with bunkie above. Private 205' of shoreline, gentle slope to water, excellent swimming/boating. Call Diane.

Diane Knapp* 488-3077

GOODERHAM LAKE - \$439,000



The log sided cottage offers a large open concept living room/kitchen with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace and cathedral ceilings, 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, knotty pine laundry area and a sunroom.

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

KUSHOG LAKE - \$229,900



Quaint little 3 bedroom 4 season cottage/home with a huge private lot with over 390 feet of clean rock and sand frontage and 4.35 acres of land. Original hardwood floors and totally remodeled kitchen, propane fireplace, main floor laundry, upgraded hydro and wired for generator.

Lawrence VanLieshout** 457-2414

GETAWAY CABIN - \$129,900



2.65 acres. Newer siding, doors, windows and decking. New drilled well, steel roof and shutters. partially landscaped, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

RETIREMENT HOME - \$159,900



Located on one acre with total privacy. 32' x 26' fully insulated garage with its own furnace. Many upgrades such as steel roof, newer oil forced air furnace, double paned windows, hardwood flooring, central vacuum.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

GULL LAKE - \$269,000



Super level lot with gorgeous hard sand bottom - bunkie at the water - 3 bedroom cottage - just recently been raised, with a little work you will have a beauty of a place.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

BOBCAYGEON ROAD - \$249,900



This wonderful property has it all! 3 bedroom home built in 2001 with all new windows in 2010. Gorgeous setting with super view. Fully insulated double garage that doubles as a screened in games room.

Lindsay Elder** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

ESSONVILLE LINE - \$399,999



The custom built brick home was designed with the environment in mind and includes a geo-thermal heating/cooling system, energy efficient windows, r120 insulation in the ceilings, \$10k security system, back-up generator and too many more features to list.

Lorri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

CANNING LAKE - \$1,249,000



1020 sq. ft. cottage with severed separately deeded 2842 sq. ft. 4 bedroom custom home. Level well treed private 3 acre point lot features majestic pines, south and west exposures, rock deep water and golden rippled sand shallow bay entrance.

Lorri Roberts* 457-2414 ext. 43

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE - \$399,000



The year round cottage boasts a completely finished lower level addition, open concept design, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, drilled well and thermal windows. There is even a large bunkie for the kids and an extra large storage shed for the boats and all the toys and a separate storage tool shed. Completely turn key ready.

Patti Johnson** 705-286-1234 ext. 238

BOYNE LAKE - \$109,000



1.72 acres - 155 feet water frontage - fairly level lot - smaller quiet lake - driveway in - partially cleared - ideal for cottage or waterfront home.

Larry Hussey* 457-2414 ext. 23

DRAG LAKE - \$1,395,000



Exquisite custom built post & beam home on Drag Lake. Over 700 ft of frontage with 73 acres of property for your enjoyment. Newly renovated. Many extras that cottage feel.

Larry Hussey* 705-457-2414 ext. 23

SAM'S LAKE



Have you ever wished that you wouldn't ever see your neighbors when you are at the cottage? This property offers outstanding privacy with 850 feet of frontage on the lake, surrounded by over 15 acres of forest. You would be one of only 8 properties on the lake. The cottage was new in 2009! Plenty of room for family and friends with 4 bedrooms, pine floors & ceilings along with an open concept living room, dining room and kitchen, complete that cottage feel.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

COUNTRY HOME - \$239,000



Beautifully landscaped park like setting with mature trees and nice fencing. Over 2700 sq ft of living space with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious bright living space with loads of windows and a cozy fireplace.

Chris & Michelle Smolatz* 457-2414 ext. 22

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE - \$499,900



Cottaging the way it used to be!! This vintage family cottage sits close to the waters edge offering 250 ft frontage - south west exp - private level lot - rock & sand bottom - parcels like this are a rare find!!

Kerrie Farr** 286-1234 ex. 225

LT. REDSTONE LAKE - \$1,139,000



High end finishes and custom details including reclaimed Rock Elm and slate floors, Douglas Fir staircases and trim, maple kitchen cupboards, backup generator and stained glass and lead infused windows. 1.75 acres of level, maintenance free land.

Patti Johnson** 286-1234 ext.238

MINDEN LAKE - \$349,900



275' of sandy shoreline on Minden Lake. Almost 3 acres of property. This cottage is conveniently located only 5 minutes to Minden. Easy access and at the end of a cottage road for complete privacy.

Rachel Carther* 457-2414, ext. 38

GREENS LAKE - \$169,900



Open concept home or cottage (plus garage) across small cottage road from lake. Brand new furnace plus woodstove. 3 large bedrooms, large bath with separate shower and full basement. Great swimming and fishing.

Rachel Carther* 457-2414, ext. 38

ESSON LAKE - \$669,000



Looking for the wow factor? Consider this custom built True North log home featuring granite counter tops, birch hardwood flooring, and hickory cupboards on the main floor, master bedroom with ensuite and Jacuzzi tub, 3 full bedrooms and 2 level radiant floor heating. Both the upper and lower levels walk out extensive composite decking to enjoy outdoor living and great lake views. Limestone retaining walls accentuate the professional landscaping. Easy year round municipal access.

Hal Johnson** 286-1234 ex. 229

FRED JONES RD - \$55,000



Well treed, 7.94 acre building lot with 770.91' feet of frontage. Dry gradual sloping lot with many choices of building sites with great privacy. Great location on a municipally maintained road.

Chris & Michelle Smolatz* 457-2414 ext. 22

FADER ROAD - \$24,900



1 plus acre - well treed - deeded access - private year round road - hydro & phone available.

Kerrie Farr** 286-1234 ex. 225

BITTER LAKE ROAD - \$69,000



3.53 ac maple bush to roam. 16 by 20 cabin / deck to sit and watch wildlife meander by. Space for campfires & kids to run. Close to snowmobiling. Walking distance to Bitter/Burdock lakes. Put your boat in, enjoy fishing on these 2 lakes. 10 mins to Kennisis, Redstone lakes, West Guilford store & laundry.

Gloria Carmichael or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

HALIBURTON - HALBIEM - \$89,000



High in Demand Subdivision within walking distance of Haliburton. Beautiful building lot, nicely treed and overlooks Head Lake and the town of Haliburton. Docking privileges on Head Lake with access to Haliburton's 5 lake chain through association. Common beach/park area at water's edge with private boat launch.

Gloria Carmichael or Cindy Muenzel* 754-1932

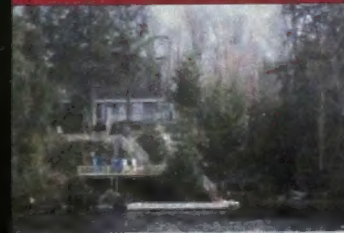
LITTLE REDSTONE LAKE - \$619,000



3 lake chain with 253 frontage and over 1 acre. Clean hard rippled sand shoreline, expansive sunset western view. Neat & clean 3 bdrm, 1.5 washroom modular open concept 4 season home/cottage. Large 33 x 22 double drive through garage.

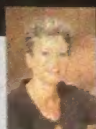
Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext.235

KENNISIS LAKE - \$549,900



895 frontage - 12 acres - 2,400 sq ft Viceroy cottage - open concept - 3 bedrooms - 2 ensuite - 1 powder room - 3 decks - absolute privacy on this point lot - extra lot 5.3 acres, 700 frontage for \$299,000.

Dan Roxborough* 286-1234 ext.235



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